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If war breaks out with Beijing we are prepared. We have been preparing for 40 years'

Goldsmith 'may unseat **25 Tories'**

Michael White Political Editor

general election.

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time staff, 25,000 supporters

and 400 approved candidates — in an internal memo for Tory MEPs, which concluded

that it could "make the difference between the Conserva-tive Party winning or losing

one and lay him open to a no confidence vote on the two hyper-sensitive issues of the noment, Northern Ireland and Europe.

OHN Major last night set his face against Sir Though some MPs believe that the Tory chairman, Brian Mawhinney, has been lames Goldsmith's demands for an early referendum on the prospective engaged in extensive negotia European super-state, despite warnings in a leaked Consertion with Goldsmith forces, party officials rubbished yes-terday's leaked memo as the vative memorandum that the billionaire financier's fringe unauthorised conclusions of a party could cost the Tories up researcher, Alastair Graham to 25 marginal seets at the It appears to have been passed to the BBC from within the Tory Euro-group As the scale of Sir James's pressure on the Cabinet to bow to his agenda - or face a in order to isolate and under mine Sir James.

£20 million election fight with In the short term, at least, it is having the opposite effect on the eve of today's white his Referendum Party emerged at Westminister, nervous Tory MPs and MEPs paper setting out the Govern were at each other's throats ment's position on the forth coming inter-governmental over the best tactics for neutralising what some regard as conference (IGC) to review the 1991 Maastricht Treaty Their minds were concen-trated by a chilling assess-ment of the Anglo-French MEP's organisational whose "federalist" aims Si James wants retrospectively put to voters in a referendum MEP's organisational strength — including 23 full-

on election day. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, a Major aliy,

was more blunt, telling BBC Radio: "We aren't going to be panicked into any particular stance just because one very rich businessman takes a particular view about these issues."

these issues." Under pressure from Dr Mawhinney, Mr Major has signalled'y Tory commission to a ref fendum on a single currency. — probably this month — though Kenneth Clarke the Chancellor, is still The memo warns Sir James could spend more than the three main parties put together to achieve his single purpose. "Sir James is personally in charge of indentify-Clarke, the Chancellor, is still ing ands selecting candidates. holding out. These candidates are credi-

Andrew Higgins in selim 001 Quemoy reports as China today begins CHINA live-fire air and sea exercises off the Taiwanese island

TH 150.000 Chinese troops massed on the mainland, two miles from this Taiwanese island, and United States warships on the way from the Pacific and the Gulf, the soft-spoken headmaster of the Wuning Village Junior School decided yesterday it was time to stop pretending. Assembling the 200 infants

in his charge in an under-ground table tennis and recreation hall designed to double as a bomb shelter, he tried to explain why their parents might be acting a little strangely.

"Children watch television and hear people talking about missiles and military ma-noeuvres," Wu Chi-teng said. "They can see from adults that the atmosphere here is not normal."

As a survivor of China's bombardment in 1958, when he hid in a hole near the airport as 470,000 shells rained down in just 44 days, Mr Wu had this advice for his pupils:



crack. After starting a new round of ballistic missile tests last Friday, Beijing's army today begins air and sea livefire war games south of Que-

island could come under attack.

The clearest worry index is rice. At the Gold South Bridge, a cramped shop piled, to the ceiling with freshly de-livered supplies, rice sales have doubled. The other index is gold. Thieves last week raided two Buddhist temples "War is not likely but if it and stole gold tablets, a thef breaks out, we will fight to attributed by the local news and stole gold tablets, a theft

"If war breaks out with



the end. You are too small to fight. Go and hide." paper to a desire to bedge against China's menace. Quemoy's highest official,

Quemoy, honeycombed Chen Shui-tsai, a veteran of with bunkers, crawling with Taiwanese troops and awash with election banners for Taimilitary intelligence, believes there is a 30 per cent chance wan's March 23 presidential poll, is so close to China that of an attack. He summoned his staff over the weekend to the red flag is clearly visible atop a mainland school. plan for the provision of water, electricity and rice in

Surrounded all their lives the event of war. by minefields, slogans preach-ing "find life in death", fields Beijing we are prepared. We have been preparing for 40 years ... We have fought them time and again before. studded with spiked poles to deter paratroopers, anti-aircraft gunners in the middle of roundabouts, and other reminders of China's unfin-We have lots of experience," said Mr Chen, who now ished civil war, locals like to act nonchalant. The headmasspends much of the day ter has still not got around to unlocking a bomb shelter in the playeround.

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sweating under television lights as he labours to tell Taiwan and the world that every-thing is under control. "I tell the Communist Party clearly and forcefully, yes you can take Quemoy eventually but you will pay a terrible MOST OF MY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN AGAINST BICYCLES, price. It will cost you 150,000 lives," Mr Chen said. "They should consider this. Do they want to pay such a price? Do

they want Quemoy turned into a cemetery?" He estimates that the local garrison, recently reinforced and now thought to be about the same size as the civilian population of 47,000, could hold out unaided for six months. "If no one comes to

groups of old women with sil-ver teeth, who make their liv-ing selling artillery-shell key-for Polaroid photographs holders, rice-wine bottles in help us then we would have to surrender or be finished off." But so far, here on the front line of a volatile international crisis, the main casualties are but so far, here on the front crisis, the main casualties are cowards and do not dare come afraid."

The mood of soldiers | beer and howling off-key to swings between jittery vigi-lance as they patrol roads, dig taken against a bombed-out trenches and man checkpoints with a zeal not seen in years, and raucous abandon when off duty, as in the Good

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sickly love songs. A video game parlour across the road from the karturn to page 2, column 3 US reinforces fleet, page 6; Food Karaoke Bar early yes-terday afternoon, guzzling

China too many, page 9; Pass notes, G2 page 3

e are fo vatives and are not fringe scribes direct mailing efforts nutters." it states. In 1992, 14 Tory MPs won

from a computer database, costly market research and with majorities of less than advertsing, telephone can 1.3 per cent. Sir James, says vassing and other techniques. "The Referendum Party is a the memo, could get 1 to 2 per serious organisation which is intent on causing damage to the Conservative Party," he Tomorrow ministers will

test the alleged return of the economic feel-good factor by announcing April 11 as the warns. Many Tories feel that overdate for the delayed byelec-tion in Staffordshire SE, states the threat since Sir James's candidates would not get more than 500 votes at most, some from Labour supporters.

where the late David Lightbown had a 7,192 Conserva-

tive majority. Defeat would cut Mr Major's Commons majority to Huge Young, page 9



Police declare Jackson assault a Pulp fiction

Gary Younge

r IS rarely that Jarvis Cocker gets to accuse anyone of being immature. But yesterday the singer, who executed a one-man stage inva-sion to disrupt Michael Jackson's performance at the Brit Awards last month, told Jackson fans to grow up after police cleared him of all allegations of assaulting children during his outburst.

His interview at Kensington police station had been timed to perfection: an hour after schools closed and 40 minutes before Blue Peter. Outside the station up to 30 Jackson fans, aged between

eight and 19. moonwalked in | shirt and purple tie Cocker, protest at Cocker's disruption | aged 32, later said he would of Jackson's performance while some of the older cameramen asked them to point Cocker out when he emerged. A 16-year-old girl, believed to be a Jackson fan, was arrested during scuffles as Cocker armon sense' rived at the station. "Michael Jackson heals the world: but Jarvis Cocker just ruins his performances," said 19-yearold Lisa Lomas, from London.

In the end Cocker, lead power of healing". singer of the Brit-pop band Pulp, slipped out the back entrance forcing a stampede as the press and broadcasters competed with primary school children for a sight. In his Joe 90 glasses, pink | bad taste. I think it would be

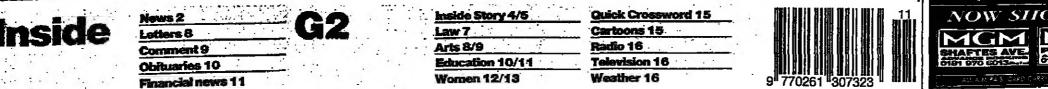
good for him to get a bit of reality into his life." consider civil action over the accusations which followed He added: "I was very upse (by the accusations), I think the incident. He celebrated anybody would be. It is one of his release with a glass of champagne and hailed the dethe worst things you could be accused of. I mean, it is not something you would put on your CV, is it?" cision as a "victory for com-

At the time Cocker ex-plained his actions as a "pro-After his protest Cocker received the backing of sevtest at the way Michael Jackeral celebrities including son sees himself as some Noel Gallagher of Oasis, Mick Christ-like figure with the Hucknall of Simply Red and Brian Harvey of East 17. But yesterday a humble

Yesterday he said: "I have not got a personal vendetta against Michael Jackson; any-Cocker said: "I am not a hero. It really was something that body who invented the moonwas done on the spur of the walk is all right by me. It was that performance that was in moment. I just felt I had to make some kind of a state ment about it."



Jarvis Cocker, in glasses, and minders PHOTOGRAPH, SEAN SMITH



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Sketch

Crèche course in stirring debate



Simon Hoggart

EREMY Corbyn (Isling-ton N) asked for a fulltime nursery in the House of Commons, for the children of MPs and staff. I would not want any child of

mine as a pupil. Darren: "Will my honour-able, if pooey, friend acknowl-edge that he has now been playing with my Mighty Max for 20 minutes, and it's my turn because it is mine?"

Harry, or possibly Jack (middle class children now have old-fashioned names. ready-abbreviated): "Further to that. Madam Play Leader. may I beg leave to ask whether there is to be a statement from my honourable classmate, who promised to share his Hula-Hoops with me, and then went and shared them with Electra Harris instead? "In view of this disgraceful

breach, will you agree that he is, like many of his friends on that side of the creche, knee-deep in dishonour or at least

in stinky poo?" Tamsin: "On a point of order, is it in order for Chloe Tomkins to throw up on my new trainers? I am sure the whole Nursery will agree that she is yukky and everyone hates her.

I don't think so, though I suppose at times the debate would be more elevated than in the Chamber itself.

Yesterday they also had a brief discussion about why so few newspapers bother to report them any more. At least they've noticed that few are in the Press Gallery, apart from the assiduous reporters from Hansard and the Press Associ-ation, who never sleep, unlike

ome of us. David Winnick (Lab, Walsall N) asked whether the low attendance might be linked with the missing media. "The

had her own views on the sub-ject but felt that this was not

the time to air them (why ever not?). Dennis Skinner said that in 1968 they had trotted through 33 questions in 45 minutes — the rate these days is half that - and the press reported verything. Was there a link? Who can say? My theory is television. Nobody wants to waste time in the House when

they might get three minutes on Newsnight instead. TV treats the issues seriously and in depth, while Parliament deals mostly in trivial soundbites, afraid that modern MPs are unable to concentrate on anything which lasts longer han a few seconds. What's more, however of-

fensive Jeremy Paxman is at least he doesn't shout a wall of abuse when a politician is try-

ing to say something. Oddly enough. Transport Questions yesterday were a throwback to a more serious time, when MPs actually sought information and some dared criticise their own front bench.

Sir George Young, the Sec-retary of State, looks like a figure from the same historic

He is our Thin Controller and ought to wear a top hat. (Like the one in the Bill Tidy cartoon who, surveying a wrecked compartment with

slashed seats and broken lights, says: "Right, that does it. No more royal trains!") MPs from all sides ganged up to attack Railtrack, which has taken over from the royal family and Cedric Brown as the nation's Most Disliked

Institution. None was angrier than Bill Cash (C. Stafford) in whose constituency the first week-end crash took place, who spoke yesterday for at least 20 seconds without mentioning

Europe once — a record. The junior minister John Watts said vaguely that it would be unwise to speculate on the cause of the accident until — he implied — Railtrack's investigation had de-

cided Railtrack was not to blame. MPs bayed in anger. Hugh Bayley (Lab, York) mused why it was that, since privatisation was supposed to increase competition, all four freight companies bad been

sold to Wisconsin Central. Wisconsin: a lovely if freezing state, famous in the US only for choose. Perhaps that explains something.



drunken Serb holds a book titled. We are Tito's. Tito is Ours, outside the burning court in Ilidza yesterday photograph: Peter and Rews

Serb police leave with a bang



A Serb woman kisses the flag at Ilidza town hall, before fleeing PHOTOGRAPH MICHEL EULER antle I court-b The police station fire | single-handedly to dism

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Young to get £2.5m payoff

Patrick Donova City Editor

> ORD YOUNG, the former Tory cabinet minis-mer Tory cabinet minis-ter, is likely to pick up more than $\Omega \simeq 5$ million as compensation for losing his job as chairman of Cable and Wireless in an acrimonious boardroom coup. The compensation brings to

£3.8 million the overall cost of sacking of Lord Young and his arch-rival, former chief executive James Ross. C&W has already announced that Mr Ross is to receive compen-

Sation worth almost £13 million. Both men were ousted by the rest of the board because they were locked in a power struggle which had begun to threaten the stability of the

group. Lord Young has managed to extract the huge payout after protracted negotiations through his solicitors despite previously claiming that he had no formal contract of employment.

It is understood that Lord Young, a former trade and industry secretary, based his dustry secretary, based his claim on a "secret" letter from the late Lord Sharp, a previous chairman of C&W, which set out his entitle-ments. This caused surprise among the rest of executive as they did not know the document existed.

Under the terms of agree-ment, Lord Young stands to

pick-up: which amounts to three month's salary.

ace the few surviving Mus-lims and Croats in the area, as well as Serbs who have opt- Bonus payments worth an estimated £210,000, though the precise sum will not be worked out until the end of the financial year French firefighters rescued

20 people trapped in burning blocks of flats in Ilidza over Payments for pensions, health insurance and use of company car totalling an-other \$55,000

biocks of flats in finda over the past few days, as it became clear the local Serb fire bri-gade was not prepared to help. In Grbavica, the last Serb suburb, due to be transferred on March 19, Nato's presence has been considerably less no share options which are worth a paper profit of abot £2.17 million at yesterday's has been considerably less no-ticeable. Aid workers, resiclosing prices. Labour's City sp

dents and journalists tried to keep fires in a block of flats under control, while Italian troops and local firemen looked on. Alistair Darling, last night said: "Payouts of this nature send the wrong signals around the world." He added: 'It is extremely difficult to

"Anyone who stays here is an enemy," said one Serb fire-man, who refused to give his hame. "Why should I help Dr Brian Smith, yesterday in-Only 10 people were still living in the 12-storey apartsisted that the payoff agreed with Lord Young was 'fair to

justify payouts of this magni-tude. Rewards shoud be linked to success." But C&W's new chairman,

ment block, mostly elderly Serbs and Muslims. The Italeveryone concerned, the company, our employees and our

He added: "Lord Young will

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Long on jams, short of cuts

Caroline Sullivan **Ben Harper** Jazz Cafe

Review

AKE a young black American with an acous-

tic guitar and folky protest songs and what do you get, aside from comparisons with Tracy Chapman? You get a gig that leaves you feeling more edified than moved. You also get on first-name terms with his bus driver, but more of that later.

Harper, now on his second album, is generating a huzz. reminiscent of the one surrounding Chapman's 1988 debut. The similarities between the two singers are marked — both deal with rev olutionary politics, singing with open-throated sparseness to an acoustic backing. Harper is more musicianly, playing liquid slide runs on a 70-year-old Weissenborn gui-tar, but both stress the urncy of putting human rights ssues before gender and race.

The difference is that Chapman's earnestness precluded any possibility of enjoyment, whereas Harper is relatively open to the idea of a good time He was so excited to be in London that he introduced his whole crew, including Dill the driver, after only the first

song. He may have spoken in a half-awake Los Angeles drawl, nent was conbut the excite veyed by the way he shifted in his chair. Harper is a modern folksta with squaw-like braids and a penchant for skateboards, but he observes the age-old folky rule about not losing your cool. The other body-language

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message was that the man is serious about his guitars. sat next to him, a sign of

> bassist Juan Nelson. Harper's method was to sing a couple of verses, get lost in an instru-mental middle eight for 15 minutes, then resurface to sing the end. He dealt with a good few

tunes from the albums Wel-come to the Cruel World and Fight For Your Mind in this manner. The long jam is rarely wel-

ence can't very well go and switch on the kettle, but Harper was too gone to notice. It seems inappropriate for an artist with a faculty for pointed lyrics to devote so much time to meandering instrumentals, no matter how wonderful the musicians (and the glum, baseball-capped

tended tom-tom breaks when you couldn't help longing for an armchair and Cracker on the TV. Harper even tried to pass off finger exercises, like the one that preceded Gold To

ented. Harper is a true find, a musician's musician who can

himself.

Six arrested as ice hockey players slug it out --- before match starts

Martin Wainwright

POLICE and sporting au-thorities are investigating a new record for one of the world's most aggressive games — an ice hockey match ended after 58 seconds with six players under arrest.

Four identical Weissenborns impending rambling improvisations. Much of the set consisted of jams with percus-sionist Leon Mobley and

most exclusive suburbs.

Apartheid's generals on trial come at gigs, where the audi-Twenty accused

plead innocent to

Mobley was a virtuos **David Beresford** There were times during exand his 19 co-accused pleaded not guilty to charges of mur-

Me, as songs. It wouldn't have been so annoying if he weren't so tal-

also cut loose and sing like a devil. His voice wavered and cracked with emotion on Will To Live, a hint of gospellish testifying crept in on How Many Miles Must We March?, case against the general, 12 former security force com-manders, six alleged assas-sins and Chief Mangosuthu and there were similar flashes of brilliance throughout the set. But, my, he needs to edit

handcuffs as medical staff

just as smoke began to rise from the building. The carload of police under the noses of the French troops sent to guard the build-ing. But the fun came to an cheered. As the Serbs aban cheered. As the Seros aban-don Sarajevo, one suburb at a time, arson has become the principal expression of defi-ance of the Dayton peace ac-cord which reunites — under the Muslim-Croat Federation _____the circuit response of grant abrupt halt when one of the Serb policemen realised they had left a colleague behind. The captain pleaded with a cordon of French soldiers: - the city the Serbs had spent four years trying to partition. Half a dozen columns of smoke rose over Ilidza yester-"He's drunk and he's some-where in the building. You have to let us back in." But day afternoon. A bicycle fac forgiving mood. Two minutes later, the last tory and a barracks burned, but the arsonists appear to

policeman in Ilidza found his own way to the exit and — reeling badly from the mornhave focused on the Austro-Hungarian villas which once made this one of Sarajevo's

caused especially raucous cele a heavy metal gate. Failing ing bystanders and French their patrols during the day ebration because it was set that, he rammed his fist into soldiers diving for cover. As black anoke billowed from the court-house and de-

the guardhouse window. "Ilidza, Ilidza, we will never forget you," the police-man sang, dripping blood from his wounded hand while his colleagues propelled him towards the waiting car.

As he passed the Nato sol-diers, he offered his bloody finger by way of valediction. The policemen moved off in the French, having discover a motiley convoy, waving Serb ered the fire, were not in a flags and shooting into the

air. One threw a hand-gre-nade into the Miljacka river, sending up a plume of foam. But the biggest bang was reserved for last. As the reluctantly drawn in as ar-sonists and Serb gangs mening's intake of brandy -- tried | police sped off, the municipal

people cannot be heard to la-

ment the fact that it chooses

He told the packed court-

room: "Justice will be pur-

sued in this case no matter

what the cost ... This prose-

cution will cast a shaft of judi-

cial light into a corner of our history which has hitherto

Documents showed that the former head of the defence

to savage a young child."

been dark and secret.

brace.

to time.

bris landed on the surrounding streets, Ilidza entered its last few uneasy hours before the arrival of federation United Nations police pat-rolled the streets, backed by Nato reinforcements drafted in over the weekend, when anarchy threatened to engulf harry intertenent to enguine the neighbourhood. Nato initially refused to get involved in policing and fire-fighting in the Sarajevo sub-urbs, but it is now becoming

acy, Mr McNally said. Gen Liebenberg, who reportedly has cancer of the prostate,

was yesterday allowed to sit outside the dock in a padded

chair. He was wearing a neck

Mr McNally said Inkatha's leader, Chief Buthelezi, who is home affairs minister in

Nelson Mandela's unity gov-ernment, was unlikely to be

called as a witness, despite

frequent references to him in the documentation. "It is

probable that the documents

will adequately cover his role

without the need for him to be heard. This aspect will, how-ever, be reviewed from time

The hearing opened with a

complaint to the judge by a member of one of the seven defence teams that his notes

and court papers had been

stolen from his hotel room after an adjourned hearing

last week. Defence counsel al-

leged last week that the tele-phones of some of the

accused, including Gen Malan, had been tapped. Mr

McNally has denied any knowledge of the incidents.

The case is expected to last

at least three months.

their parois curring the day but are virtually invisible at night, when Serb thugs roam the neighbourhood, setting fires and victimising anyone gain from his share options in line with the doubling of the share price during his time as who has chosen to stay.

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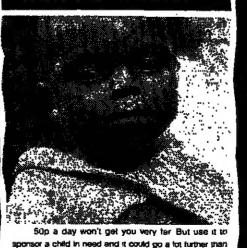
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 The United States said yesterday it planned to give \$100 million (£65 million) to halp the Muslim-Croat federation in Partice build on the state of tion in Bosnia build an army to match the Bosnian Serbs.

David Fairhall, page 7

chairman of the company. "We are very pleased to have been able to reach an amicable agreement with Lord Young. He has led the company through a period of rapid change and he leaves the company in a strong position at the leading edge of telecommunications worldwide.

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attended to a broken nose and smashed tooth on the Humber side Hawks' new Canadian signing Bruce Bell, allegedly hit with a hockey stick. They continued from page 1 aoke bar was yesterday packed with soldiers transwere bailed to report to Sun-derland police next month. Four Hawks, Mike Bishop, fixed by screens flashing sim-ulated warfare with China. Unlike their predecessors, Graham Garden, Norman Pin-

sending Inkatha

in Durban

ecretary.

killers against ANC

OUTH AFRICA'S for-

Seneral Magnus Malan,

der and conspiracy yesterday, denying that they had sent death squads to kill black op-ponents of apartheid rule.

Police used a water-cannon

to disperse about 100 pro-In-katha demonstrators outside

the supreme court in Durban

as the prosecution opened its

Buthelezi's former personal

who spent years fighting Mao Zedong on the mainland, the

tion Army is through binocu- | lars. They glower across the papers and moving to the rhythm of our music." water and bombard the mainland with pop-music from mammoth loudspeakers at each end of Quemoy. "Sometimes I have seen

Guards flank General Malan outside the court yesterday

KwaMakhutha in KwaZulu- | leashes it upon a crowd of

Natal. The state alleges the massacre was a trial run by a group of 200 Inkatha assas-

sins, trained by South Afri-can military intelligence at a

secret camp in the Caprivi strip, in Namibia. The hit

squads were allegedly trained to attack supporters of the

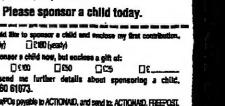
African National Congress. The KwaZulu-Natal attor-

nev-general, Tim McNally,

The charges against the 20 justified the conspiracy former head of the defence accused arise from the 1987 charges in his opening force. General Kat Lieben-massacre of 13 people, includ-ing women and children, at of a vicious buildog who un-

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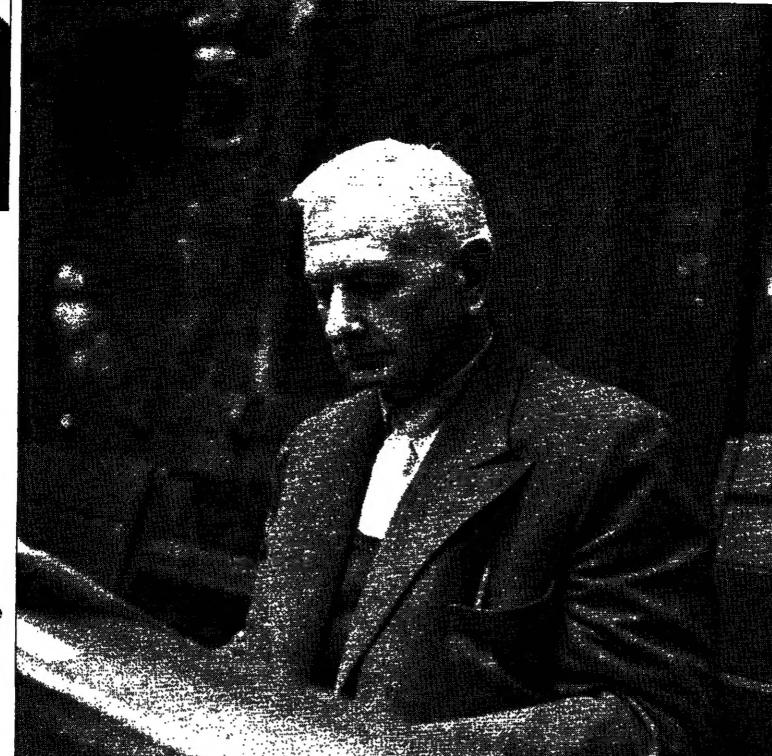
'If war occurs we are prepared. We have been preparing for 40 years' "They were reading news | gularly vulnerable spot. The headmaster, Mr Wu, said he had been asked whether it might not be better to flee Quemoy. "I said, run to where? To Taiwan? That is even more dangerous. They



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The Flick chair has been causing growing anguish for Oxford dons. It has raised profound moral questions on the ethics of fundraising when colleges are increasingly dependent on private largesse



Edward Pilkington on suspect largesse

Friedrich Flick at the Nuremberg trial after the second world war and, above left, his grandson Gert-Rudolph Flick in 1975

NEWS 3 Lords revolt on divorce bill seen off

Rabecca Smithers Political Correspondent

HE Government last night quashed a Lords rebellion which sought to extend the "cooling off" period for div-orce from 12 months to 18 months, as business managers conceded that the control versial new Family Law Bill faces a rough ride when it moves to the Commons A cross-party amendment increasing the period for "reflection and consider-

ation" before the granting of a divorce to 18 months in contested cases, or where couples have children, was defeated by a Government majority of 48. Voting was 157 to 109. The amendment was tabled by the former Tory former cabinet minister, Baroness

Young, who has led a cam-paign to change key aspects of the divorce reforms, which she fears will undermine the Speaking during the bill's Speaking during the bill's Third Reading debate, Baron-ess Young told peers: "In my entire political experience, which extends almost 50 which extends almost 50 years, I have never had the support for the stand that I have taken over anything as have had in this case. The legislation has had a

- notably from the Tory benches - which led to a humiliating Government defeat nearly two weeks ago over proposals not to allow the pro-ceeds of pensions to be split between divorcing couple

The bill goes to the Commons around Easter, when a sizeable group of Conservatives — including the former cabinet minister John Patten - has pledged to back Lady Young. Last night govern-ment business managers ad-mitted they were worried about the bill's next stage.

Although Labour has given the legislation nominal sup-port, it has made clear that the Government should not take its continued backing for granted. Labour's legal affairs spokesman, Paul Boateng, says the party wants assur-ances on amendments aimed at supporting families and strengthening the law against

During yesterday's debate, Lord Archer, the Bishop of Ripon and Lord Boyd-Carpenter were among the support-ers of Lady Young's amend-ment. Labour peers, led by Lord Irvine of Lairg, backed the Government's proposals, claiming that lengthening the cooling off period would cause "greater harm to inno-cent children" and that the law cannot compel people to

'Barmy' scheme tries to put Harold Wilson in a car park

Martin Wainwright

HE tradition of prophets failing to find honour in their home towns was upheld yesterday with the release of proposals to site a statue of the late Lord Wilson by a Huddersfield loading bay or Balliol accepts cash despite 'link to Nazis' on a multi-storey car park. The full range of options will be presented to Kirklees council tomorrow, but a pre-emptive strike by the famously self-deprecating prime minister's friends was launched yesterday to quash tion of the actions of his the more "barmy" schemes. "It's an insult to an out-standing prime minister," said Lord Wilson's friend from schooldays, Harold Ainley, aged 80. who has been cam-paigning for a tribute since

jointly appealed for public subscriptions for a lifelike monument, turned on large parts of the "zealous but bizarre" shortlist of 12 sites prepared by their planners.

Friend Fisher, a Conserva-tive, said: "It's outrageous. If you are going to recognize a bloke for what he's done, it should be in St George's Square, where people can see." The square, along with Market Square and McAlpine Stadium where Huddersfield Town play, is at the top of the shortlist; but an agreement tomorrow may only be the dress rehearsal for battles about the actual statue. Mr Ainley and Eric Lawson, a Lanour councillor, form a united front against the statue wearing Wilson's trademark Gannes mac. "No re statesman died last year. mac, please," said Mr Law-Councillors in the three son. "But I suppose we'll have

HE governing body of pendent on private largesse. Balliol College, Oxford, In 1991 Dr Gert-Rudolph yesterday gave unani-Flick, an heir to the Mercedes yesterday gave unani-mous backing to the establishment of a professor ship financed by the grandson of a Nazi war criminal. Members of the college criti-

cal of the move to set up a his name. Flick chair for European Thought called the decision a the university and earmarked

car fortune, who is a benefac-tor of colleges, hospitals and the arts, offered Oxford a sum believed to be £350,000 over five years to set up a chair in The money was accepted by

on its secretive Ethical Committee. of which even the membership is kept confiden-tial, to investigate. It con-cluded that the money on and morally unquestionable, venture. The wartime opera-tions of Friedrich Flick were offer was untainted; there was no conceivable association between Dr Gert-Rudolph almost entirely dismantled or

to protest. Bombarded by several such protests, the university recently agreed to rename the professorship in the hope of disassociating it from Frie-drich. It will now be called the Gert-Rudolph Flick chair. But the digravity is a several such be is on the side of the angels". A final resolution will have to wait, however, until Dr But the digravity is several such professorship in the hope of disassociating it from Frie-drich. It will now be called the Gert-Rudolph Flick chair. lion. Supporters say his in-heritance stemmed from the rebuilding of the Flick empire after the war as a separate.

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But the dispute is unlikely to die down until Dr Flick pla

to wait, however, until Dr Flick returns from east Africa where he cannot be contacted. the statesman died last year.

rocky ride through the Lords live together

Detraval ditions "It is a moral disgrace which

represents the abandonment of Bailiol's humane record. I am ashamed of my college, said David Selbourne, a writer on ethics.

But the college last night responded that it had no moral case to answer. "Balliol does not accept that anyone can bear guilt by descent," it

Prominent figures in the Jewish community agreed a line had to be drawn under Germany's Nazi past. Lord Weidenfeld, who is of Austrian Jewish descent and who lost half his family in the Holocaust, said: "There is a new generation in Germany and it is time for reconciliation." The Flick chair has been

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causing growing anguish for Oxford dons. particularly within Ballial, for the past few months. It has raised profound moral questions on the ethics of fundraising when colleges are increasingly de-

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called Friedrich Flick, was Critics of the Flick chair put on trial as a war criminal at Nuremberg in 1947 and senwere not satisfied. They said the committee, by operating behind closed doors, could tenced to seven years' imprisnot be regarded as independent. onment. He was found guilty of using slave labour in his At the heart of the debate in munitions factories.



A wartime Flick munitions factory at Wetzlar. Germany,

Michael Pinto-Duschin-

has studied Flick's record,

noted how Himmler

Flick and Nazi attrocities and lost to the Comm eastern Europe. But critics insist that war

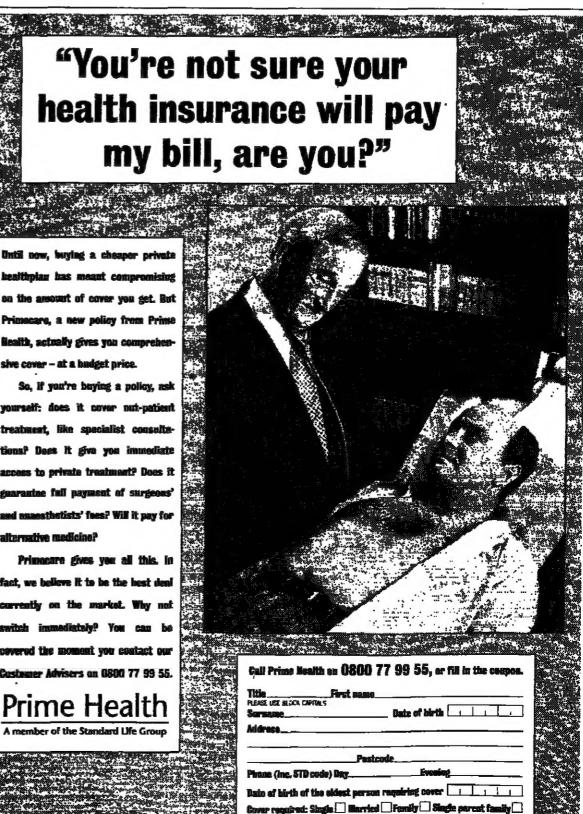
time profits made with slave labour were used as seed-corn to finance the family's post-war recovery. Under anti-Nazi laws, the family was forced to break up several of its industrial cartels but received ample compensation which was then reinvested in car production.

"There is a saying that gold has no smell, but that isn't true. Gold reeks, and there is a distinctly unpleasant odour coming off here," said David Cesarani, professor of Jewish studies at Manchester University

The Holocaust Educational Trust, which has many Jewish survivors among its mem bers, said there was no point in insisting that "every deutschmark has to be cleaned". But it said that it was concerned about an academic chair bearing the name Flick. The trust's chairman, Labour MP Greville Janner, has written to the university

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Frederick the Great's lucre and guilt

Richest man in post-war Germany made fortune on the back of Nazi slave labour

marks in the Nazis during the 1930s. In return, the country's largest private iron, steel and arms pro-HEY called him Fred-erick the Great in reference to the fortune he amassed as post-war Germany's richest man. ducer, he benefited from The epithet could equally covernment contracts. be applied to the scale of Flick was an adviser and financial backer to Heinhis war crimes, writes Edrich Himmler, the SS leader ward Pilkington. Friedrich Flick was born who spearheaded the extermination of Jews. Flick

on July 10 1883 in Ernsfunds are said to have been used for the transportation dorf, Westphalia. He began work in the iron industry and by the 1930s had risen of 112 Jews from Auschwitz to Natzweiler under a pro-ject in which they were to be killed and used for "ethto be head of United Steel Works, which owned plants in east Germany and controlled most of the Ruhr's pographic" research. production. sky, a political writer who

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tour of Dachan concentra-tion camp in 1936. Flick de-scribed "large airy rooms" with canteen facilities as war criminals". But evidence produced in court showed requested slave labour from the SS to help produce good as those of any large hotel. railway trucks. He was sen-His main crime in the tenced to seven years' im-prisonment, but was released in 1950. eyes of Nuremberg investi-gators was his company's alleged use of 48,000 He consistently declined to apologise for his war re-cord or to pay compensa-tion to the surviving slave slave" labourers, many of whom were drawn from

concentration camps to work in munitions faclabourers. In 1970 the fortories. According to Robert Wistrich, author of Who's Who in Nazi Germany, eight ont of 10 of Flick's slave labourers died while work-

ing for him. In 1947 Flick was one of 32 German industrialists to face war crime trials in Nuremberg. He asserted that he had only been following SS orders, and said "noth-

missioner for Germany John McCloy, who had granted Flick clemency 20 years earlier, asked him to pay compensation as a gesture of goodwill. Flick refused, stating: There is no argument, no even a moral one, to justify Friedrich Flick died in 1972 leaving \$1 billion to

The break-up of Bob and Paula is rapidly deteriorating into the messiest, the ugliest, the most pernicious in rock history. Not since David and Angie Bowie finally filed for divorce in 1980 have we been subjected to such a gruesome public

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fulfilling such demands. his children.

4 BRITAIN Tories split on grammar school plan

Donald MacLeod ducation Correspondent

DEEPENING split in the Government over education became clear yesterday as Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, distanced herself from Downing Street plans for a big expansion of grammar schools using private finance. She told the grant main-tained schools' annual conference in Birmingham that there would be a cautious extension of schools' right to select up to 15 per cent of pu-pils on academic ability, but stressed there would be no pressure on comprehensives

to change Undermining the basis for a new Conservative initiative to invite industry to put up funding for new grammar schools. Mrs Shephard said powers to do this already ex-"There is nothing to stop that happening now in the grant maintained sector within the existing arrange-ment." she said. But she made it clear applications would be considered in the light of surplus places in the locality, a test which has defeated several applications for new schools

Privately, grant maintained schools doubt if substantial funding would come from the private sector and point to the failure of the city technology colleges initiative which managed to start only 15 schools even when most of the money was put up by Government. Sir Rob Balchin, chairman

of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation, said the experience of CTCs showed a few private sponsors were willing to support education but the Government would have to find large sums.

Mrs Shephard made it clear she had nothing to do with the disclosure of Downing Street plans for a grammar school in every large town in England and Wales.

Political briefings suggested closed "sink" schools would be refurbished with private money, or that bush ess could put up capital for

mar schools. 'The Government is in favour of selection as part of the general diversity of the state education system be-cause I believe firmly the existence of selective schools

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helps to drive up standards,' said Mrs Shephard. Ministers would be looking at the recent consultation of admissions procedures and the possibility of taking forward selection before the general election.

But she told the conference it was nonsense to suggest the Government wanted to press schools to become selective. "Grant maintained status suits all types of schools. I know some of you became grant maintained to preserve the comprehensive nature of

your schools. And if a school is happy with its present character, that's fine." She predicted that Labour's conversion to self govern-ment for schools would be reversed if it gained power and grant maintained schools and local authority schools would lose their freedoms. David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said John Major was coming up with ideas that had been rejected already. "It is clear that there is a significant split

in the Government on educa-tion and this is simply the lat-est manifestation of it." The political debate about grammar schools has been sharpened by the decision of Labour frontbencher Harriet Harman to send her son Joe to a grammar. Mr Blunkett has conceded that some comprehensives have failed and called for schools to specialise

whining on the river bank and raised the alarm. David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Associa-A post-mortem examination has established that she drowned, but showed no obvition of Head Teachers, which represents many grant main-tained heads, said the Gov-ernment was placing far too ous signs of sexual assault, though she had suffered superficial injuries. Mrs Skipper, aged 34, regu-larly walked her dogs in the much reliance on private finance. "Industry wants to improve the quality of education for all children, not a minor-ity, and will fight shy of any-Detectives said it was not known whether she was con-scious when she entered the thing that has political

baggage.



Police divers search the River Ely for clues to 'vicious and callous' murder. A sexual motive for the killing has not been ruled out

Killer left woman to drown in river

"This was a vicious and cal lous attack on a woman simply out walking her dogs," said Detective Superinten-WOMAN murdered while taking her dogs for a late-night walk dent Terry Ewington, the offi-cer heading the investigation. "She has met with someone who has bound her hands, put in a Cardiff suburb was tied up, thrown into a river and left to drown, police her in the river and killed her. It is a brutal and shocksaid yesterday. Karen Skipper's partially ing case.

clothed body was recovered from the river Ely by police divers on Sunday morning There is obviously grea concern about the terrible manner of her death. We are after a local businessman most anxious to trace every found her two dogs sitting one in the area on Saturday night or early Sunday morn-ing because they may have n something suspicious go

Police, who are keen to trace Mrs Skipper's move-ments in the three days leading up to her murder, say rob bery does not appear to have been a motive for the attack as gold jewellery she was wearing had not been

They have not ruled out a exual motive. Mrs Skipper's body



Karen Skipper and her dogs Sammy (left) and Ellen. They were found whining on river bank

ruled out and officers

covered lying in five feet of | She had been stabbed 81 times water 10 feet from the banks of the Ely at Birdies Field in a brook that runs alongside Police said that while there the Fairwater area of the city.

The scene of the murder is only a mile from where office worker Geraldine Palk, 27, was killed in December 1990

refer to details on the Palk computerised database should the need arise. Genetic samples were vol

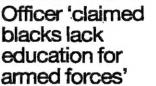
unteered by more than 4,000 men in the long-running Palk murder case but her killer is nothing to connect the two murders, a link has not been

Mrs Skipper was last seen after leaving the house she shared with three friends in Mill Road, Ely, at 11.30 on Saturday night to take her dogs, Sammy, a black labrador cross-breed, and Ellen, a golden coloured mixed collie, for their night-time walk. After walking down Mill

Road she is throught to have crossed a footbridge leading to Birdies Field, a playing field area which is popular with anglers, dog walkers and children but unlit at night. Her body was found about 100 vards from the footbridge Police have not established an exact time of death but be lieve she was killed at about midnight or shortly afterwards.

Her body was not discov-ered until 8.30 the following morning.

A businessman out walking his own dogs came across Sammy and Ellen sitting forlornly at the river's edge and spotted some articles of women's clothing.



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Stafford train crash the panel by senior managers posed of its freight business from Railtrack and the train to the American operator **David Pallister**

The Guardian Tuesday March 12 1996



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now risen to £200,000. Mr Dunning insists that "certainly by mid-1991 he was being blackmailed", a claim which the Marshes

their debts, which have in February 1988.

deny. Mr Marsh, he said, would never have had the

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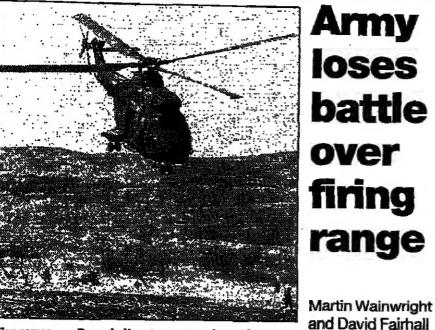
house, Avenir, in Ashfield, Barton Stacey, near Winchester, with the aid of a £165,000 Lloyds Bank loan Mr Fadipe said the couple

Mr and Mrs Marsh subse-quently bought a second

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War games. . a Puma helicopter on exercise at the range

NATIONAL park au-thority yesterday threw out military plans to ex-can be fired tactically in safe and rocket-firing range on the slopes of the Cheviots at Ot-in Northumberland

and set up the prospect of a public inquiry showdown. Proposals to build new roads and buildings for beavy weaponry were rejected after interview meeting and ther the final option of an appeal to the Environment Department and a public inquiry — the sort of detailed hearing which has been the park's intensive negotiations ended in "insufficient" concessions by the Ministry of Defence. The army's plans included over 30 miles of military road-widening, three miles of new

which has been the parks aim since the prospect of en-larging the range was raised more than two years ago. "We cannot make any fur-ther concessions," Lt Col Pat-rick Gouldsbury of the army's training that and going arm road, 46 gun emplacements training staff said after pre-senting a package of nar-rower tank roads, public acand a central maintenance depot the size of six football pitches. The facilities would cess for up to 100 days a year, three new footpaths and mili-tary co-operation in a visitor allow use of the 45 tonne AS90 elf-propelled gun at Otterourn as well as the M28 multirocket system. Otter ots to

the A696. "If we go any fur-ther, we will not be able to achieve satisfactory training

urangements." The park authority argued that the concessions failed to improve environmental safe-guards. The committee voted 21-4 against the plans after many Conservative council-lors left the meeting. A technical loophole was left for the MoD to produce concessions but the army made it clear last night that this was highly unlikely. Angus Lunn, the chairman

of the Council for National Parks, said: "The proposals fly in the face of what national parks are all about. The Northumberland authority has put first the national park values of conservation and promoting understanding and enjoyment



Out of range . . . an exercise at the army's live firing exercise range at Otterburn, where expansion plans have been rejected

Sinn Fein leader spares Clinton's blushes at glitzy New York bash as he treads fine line Adams seeks Irish American show of faith

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afford to embarrass Presi-dent Clinton, who has al-ready stuck his political **RESIDENT Bill Clin**neck out by granting him a visa in the face of mounting calls for Mr Adams to be frozen out until the IRA ton, Liam Neeson and Angelica Houston all turned up last night to the glitzy Irish American bash at New restores its ceasefire. "Obviously the backdrop to his visit is starkly differ-York's Plaza Hotel but one celebrity was notable by his ent to what it was when be came bere in triumph last year," said Ray O'Hanlon, editor of the New York-based Irish Echo. absence. The Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, won't arrive in town till this

morning. The timing of Mr With leading figures such as Senator Edward Kenne-dy seeking to distance Adams's visit, sparing Pres-ident Clinton the potential embarrassment of a public meeting, is an indication of the delicate line he will have to tread on what could themselves from Mr Adams following last month's bombings, the Sinn Fein

On the other, he cannot Adams. "People see him as Thursday when he is sched-ford to embarrass Presi needing support now more used to attend a dinner for Docklands than at any time in the last few years. Mr Adams starts his trip at a disadvantage because

he is barred under the terms of his visa from rais-ing money. That will prevent him taking home the most tangible form of

support. His six-day tour will take in New York, Washington and Scranton, Pennsylva-nia, home of a large Irish

American community. In Washington, Mr Ad-ams will meet a number of congressmen and Christo-pher Dodd, the influential cticut senator. The

the American Ireland Fund in Washington. balks at joining 'ring of steel'

Among the other guests are the Irish prime minis-ter, John Bruton, as well as the Northern Ireland eco-nomic minister, Baroness Denton, and Ulster Union-ist leader David Trimble, none of whom will want to be caught in the same frame sipping champagne with Mr Adams.

The Sinn Fein leader is scheduled to spend St Pat-rick's Day in Pennsylvania but there is speculation over whether he will march in New York's massive parade on Saturday.

Discussions are under way to protect the area in the same way as the City, where him the stage for a show of support but would risk ex-posure to those angered by random. the ending of the ceasefire. "It would be an interest-ing test to walk up Fifth Av-London Docklands Develop-

fident that measures are in place to prevent a repeat of last month's bomb." Tony O'Regan, of Tower Hamlets borough council, said that no new measures would be undertaken without around the City consultation with the local population. He added: "There is a civil

Duncan Campbell and James Meikle

liberties aspect to it. Very few people live in the City, so their ring of steel is a com-pletely different ball game from having your picture PLANS to throw a "ring of steel" round the Isle of taken by security cameras day in day out as you go to and from your home." Bedsit flats and maisoneties Dogs in East London after the Docklands bombing last month were given a mixed reception yesterday

damaged in the Canary Wharf explosion may have to be de-molished. Twelve families

button's case was put into the care of Avon social services.

assistance forever," said Det Sgt Jones.

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weight when she was trou-bled or unwell.

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going on, are going to stay with him," said Pete King, a New York Republican congressman close to Mr Adams's visit may come on boos," said Mr O'Hanlon.

cause are filmed by security have already been rehoused cameras and armed police and people living in 40 bedsits search vans and lorries at are also being found new accommodation

Residents on the Barkenment Corporation chief exec-utive Eric Sorensen said yes-molition of the four neighterday: "The scheme is planned to act as a deterrent and to make businesses and council said it was not seekresidents of the area feel con- ing to replace the blocks,

Woman 'starved

quest heard yesterday. Kathleen Warburton, 54 ----

who weighed weighed three stone 13lbs -- died on a filthy

sofa from which she had not moved for six weeks, the in-quest at Bristol was told.

Detective Sargeant David Jones, who went to the first floor flat in Ullswater Road,

Bristol, on December 25 1994, said: "I could smell chicken

roasting in the kitchen oven".

The mother of four, a former Miss West and model, was "skeletal," said Inspector Nigel Powell. She was found at Bam by her husband Keith,

a 55-year-old sign-writer, who had last seen her the previous

Pathologist Hugh White

said Mrs Warbutton died from bronchial pneumonia,

She was in an emaciated

year-old son were living in

starvation and neglect.

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Prince renews trust in youth

David Ward

HE Prince of Wales relaunched his charities in one new body yester-day with a claim that Britain had to involve its rejected young people if the country's run-down urban areas were to be revived.

"We will never regenerate our inner cities until young people care about their communities and have a greater sense of citizenship," he told a conference in Manchester to launch the reconstructed Prince's Trust.

Unemployment, drug abuse, homelessness and achievement at school had barred many young people from playing their full part as citizens. "We will never realise our

full economic potential in this country until standards of

resigned to unemployment, and that an estimated 100,000 unemployed school leavers outside school to try to had simply disappeared last remedy under-performance year from employment, edu- by pupils.

cation or social security | For records The Prince's Trust is seeking to offer more help. "Research has shown us two things," said a spokesman. "Young people are not as aware of us as we would like, and people are confused about what we do and how we are organised." Four separate bodies — the Frince's Trust, the Prince's Youth Business Trust, the Prince's Trust Volunteers and the Prince of Wales's Constitute Committee — which have so far worked independently

have been brought together in new premises in London and Cardiff. "Under the single banner of the Prince's Trust we will now, I believe, be seen much more clearly as this country's leading organisation for en-abling disadvantaged young people to reach their poten-tial," Prince Charles told the

The prince noted that 345,000 people aged between 16 and 25 were already resigned to unemployment young people, had applied for a grant from the Millennium Commission to promote study

with them.



Prince Charles at his charity relaunch PHOTOGRAPH DAVD GADO and filthy condition, but had no major organic disease. Dr White noted that Mrs Warbutton's husband and 19-

Charles ensures his charities extend a helping hand

Vivek Chaudhary on the makings of a royal success

AUNCHED in 1976 with a AUNCHED III 1976 anks to budget of £7,000, thanks to the fund-raising efforts of Eric Sykes and Sir Harry Secombe, the Prince's Trust has emerged as one of the largest charities in Britain aimed at helping disadvantaged youngsters.

This year the Prince's Trust, which comprises charities including Business in the Community and the Prince's Youth Business Trust, is expected to spend more than £24 million on its various projects. Around 4,000 businesses

also be given grants. Accord-providing opportunities Prince's Trust is praised by ing to independent auditors, which they would otherwise 50 per cent of the businesses not have." ing to independent auditors, 60 per cent of the businesses established under the scheme Funding comes from pri-

vate donors, large businesses, the European Union, local austill operate three years later and the scheme has emerged as the largest source of ven-ture capital investing in young businesses in Britain. thorities and central government. Tom Shebbeare, executive

Started in 1986, the Prince's director of the Prince's Trust, Youth Business Trust has helped more than 27,000 said: "We have grown from a tiny organisation into one of the biggest charities in Brityoungsters set up their own business. An estimated 1,600 ain. That's happened because no one does what we do as well. Our problem has been community groups and 50,000 individuals will also be given that young people don't know enough about the trusts and that's been a stumbling block grants during the forthcom-ing financial year. The Prince's Trust is simed at helping young people aged between 14 and 25 and relies to our development. We want to expand our volunteers programme and the prince is deeply involved in the work on 7,000 volunteers to liaise

Its declared aim is to "help of the charities." started by young people will young people to succeed by | While the work of the | problems it has had."

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many donors felt that the Prince's Trust had a lack of focus and that its aims were

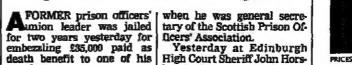
too haphazard. There's also been rivalry between the dif-ferent charities making up the trust. Rather than working towards one aim they've been competing over things like who can raise the most money. The result has been that the money has not always been getting through to

the people who matter. The trust has achieved an awful members lot and hopefully, this reorganisation will put an end to the

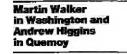
bility of severe neglect must be explored," he said. tributed in a major way to her failure to eat adequately," he Det Set Jones said that in 1984, after a period of excessaid. PC Scott Perry said Mu sive drinking and tranquil-liser addiction, Mrs Warbut-Warbutton told him he had tried to bathe his wife once, ton became dependent on her but she was in too much pain. husband and later confined The inquest continues today. herself to the house.

Ex-prison union chief jailed

At an earlier hearing Wil-At an earlier hearing William Goodall, aged 47, of Esk-bank, Lothian, had admitted would be inadequate for "a taking the money in 1993 | serious breach of trust".



6 WORLD NEWS US reinforces naval fleet in Taiwanese waters



he White House tried last night to cool the crisis triggered by its dispatch of a second aircraft carrier task force to Taiwan, insisting it did not expect a Chinese attack and fending off Republican demands for a specific US military guarantee for Taiwan.

Squeezed between the competing demands of China and Taiwan, domestic politics in an election year and the threat of a financial panic in Asian stock markets, the White House has been lured into the biggest military con-frontation in Asia since the Vietnam war.

Forced by Beijing's war games and rhetoric to draw a military line he would rather have left blurred, President Clinton stiffened the new US naval task forces with specialised anti-missile ships, capable of blunting any Chiese barrage and forestalling the threat of Taiwan's ports being blockaded. "We do not believe China

plans to attack Taiwan. We do not expect military conflict there." the defence secretary, William Perry, said yester-day, as Senator Robert Dole warned that Mr Clinton was

China fears the island

will quietly

CHINA has never renounced the right to use force against Taiwan —

which it regards as an in-ternal affair.

foundered because the US

insisted on renunciation. Only in 1972, when Presi-dent Nixon sought to iso-

late the Soviet Union by opening relations with

Since the late 1970s, how-

ever, China has suggested that the use of force is a

remote possibility. Instead Beijing leaders have stressed the road of "peace-

ful reunification"

was this demand

Sino-US talks in the 1950s

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John Gittings

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being "tested by Beijing" in | a month. A second, led by the an election year. As the People's Liberation Army (PLA) prepared for large-scale exercises today with live ammunition near

the Taiwanese-held island of Quemoy, Beijing accused Washington of treating Taiwan as a protectorate. But China's foreign minis ter, Qian Qichen, also gave the first bint of a way to deescalate the crisis, suggesting lestroyers that Taiwan could reduce ten-

Aegis ships have the capacity to protect the carri-ers against missile attack, sion by calling off a campaign to rejoin the United Nations.

Persian Gulf.

modern carrier Nimitz with

Clinton has been forced to draw a military line he would rather have left blurred

Taiwan reacted coolly. say-ing this would only encourage Beijing to use miliary intimi-dation again and make it "ask

for more "later. Growing fear of conflict, whether by design or acci-dent, helped send Asian stock with US submarines now on station off Taiwan, carry more than 200 Tomahawk cruise missiles, as well as two

markets into a nosedive yes-terday. Hong Kong's market fell 8 per cent, its biggest fall since the 1987 Wall Street crash, but US stock markets air wings. ''It is ridiculous for some people to call for interference in the issue and even more ridiculous for them to call for the protection of Taiwan." said Qian Qichan said in held firm and began to rise

yesterday. The US has had one naval task force, led by the elderly Beijing. "Those people have forgot aircraft carrier Indepen- ten that Taiwan is a part of dence, with 90 warplanes, China and not a protectorate cruising of Taiwan for nearly of the United States."

Japan sets softly, softly

since 1979, Taiwan is a well 110 aircraft, is expected to reach the South China Sea by armed and wealthy nation of 21 million and remains effecthe end of the week, from the tively under Washington's se President Clinton has or curity umbrella in Asia. The US maintains nearly dered the carrier forces to be beefed up with the Aegis-equipped guided missile 100,000 troops in the region, based in Japan and South

Though shorn of US diplo

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cruisers Bunker Hill and Ford, and with more Aegis-Korea, the only serious mili-tary counterweight to an increasing powerful and asserequipped frigates and tive Chin "The US 7th Fleet and other

fleets coming to Taiwan are there to safeguard peace not to interfere in any country's internal affairs," said Jason Hu, Taiwan's senior govern-ment spokesman. He said Tai-wan had detected air and sea movements by the PLA connected with the war games due to start today and continue until 20 March, only three days before Taiwan holds its first democratic elec-

tion for president. In Quemoy, a Taiwanese-held island fortress within sight of the mainland, the head of the local administration. Chen Shui-tsai, said yes terday that there was a 30 per cent chance of attack by China, Quenoy and other smaller islands have rein-forced troops, cancelled most eave and ordered local authorities to prepare contin gency plans for conflict.

f peace . . . An Israeli soldier sits with a man arrested in a raid on a Palestinian village

Anti-terrorist summit points to Middle East fault lines

campaign, in which contin-Derek Brown in Jerusalem ued Jewish support could be

vital. Egypt's president, Hosni **OMORROW'S** Interna-Mubarak, who is jointly host-ing the meeting with Mr Clin-ton, underlined the differing priorities of the summitteers tional summit meeting in Egypt, which the United States had boped would be a gesture of global solidarity in the face of antiby sharply altering the thrust of his own comments. Israeli terrorism, is likely in-stead to underline the con-Last week he said:

"Countries must gather, meet, and agree on a united tinuing bitter disputes of the Middle East. stance because terrorism now threatens everyone." At the Syria and Lebanon will bo

cott the meeting, to be held in the Red Sea resort of Sharm weekend he said: "Terrorism is not the issue here. We're talking about an internael-Sheikh. Iran, Sudan, and Libya have not been invited. Among the Arab states tional conference to support

which will be represented there is deep uncase that the the peace process. In spite of empty seats and differences, the summit will Japanese newspapers, with world leaders will meet for up one exception, have agreed not to post reporters in Talwan in return for permission to open bureaux in Beijing. —New York Times. to five hours - could become little more than a publicity be a spectacular gathering — and, almost certainiy, a cha-otic one. Already, Sharm elcoup for Israel and the US. The spate of savage suicide bombings which killed 62 and prompted the summit has im-perilled the electoral pros-pects of the Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres, on May 29. President Bill Clinton also faces a gruelling re-election

less impressive: the president of Egypt, the kings of Morocco and Jordan, the crown prince of Bahrain, the prime minister of Mauritania, the foreign ministers of Algeria. Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and the United Arab Emir-ates. Oman will also be epresented. The United Nations secre-

by John Major, Jacques ting back at the Islamist mili-Chirac of France, Helmut tants and to urge him to do Kohl of Germany, John Bru- more. For Mr Arafat, it will ton of Ireland, Lamberto Dini of Italy, Felipe González of Spain, and Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway. To the delight of Israel, the Arab contingent will be

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Almost as important as the participants will be those leaders who will not be there Mr Mubarak said last night that his Syrian counterpart, Hafez al-Assad, would not attend. The Damascus, the daily newspaper which acts as a mouthpiece for the regime. ridiculed the summit yester

day, saying that if the Israeli view was correct, the Nazi octary-general. Boutros Bou-

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ing place on the open seas. they might not pose any prob-After 1984 the Hong Kong formula of "one country, two systems" was offered lems in international law, he added.

China.

course in a sea of trouble time rule by Japan with nos-talgia rather than loathing. Talwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, like many older Taiwanese, speaks perfect Japanese, which he learned before Mandarin Chinese Nicholas Kristof in Tokyo AST ASIAN countries are deeply concerned about the Chinese mis-

before Mandarin Chinese. Many Taiwanese, including Mr Lee, have studied at Japa-nese universities. Some Taisile tests near Taiwan, but they are avoiding any strong criticism for fear of offending wanese remained in Japan and live in Chinatowns in Yo-One of the target zones is less than 40 miles from the Japanese island of Yonaguni, kohama, Kobe and other big nearly as close as it is to Tai-wan. But the Japanese govcities.

Despite these ties, Japan has been far more careful than the US to distance itself ernment is playing down its worries and taking a low-key liplomatically from Taiwan.

The Japanese mentality is rection," the prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, said in his only public comment on the tests. Since they were takthat they don't care about neighbouring countries," a frustrated Taiwanese official said. "They care only about their own interests."

Japan controls a group of uninhabited islets, known as the Senkakus in Japanese and The criticism is notable because the Japanese press nor-mally tries to avoid offending

would be easy to take mili-tarily, and their capture could be presented by Beijing as a victory over Japan, to drum up nationalistic support. Most Japanese officials say

their armed forces would not use force to repel the Chines navy from the Senkakus, al-though a few disagree. The US, which has not taken sides in the territorial dispute, would not necessarily come to Japan's assistance, despite a security treaty between

Tokyo and Washington. Yomiuri Shimbun, the big gest-circulation newspaper in Japan, said in an editorial: "We cannot but say that the enforcement of this test is extremely regrettable. We strongly demand that China strongly stop it."

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year President Jians Zemin suggested that the two sides should agree to "formally end the state of hostility under the principle of one China". He was mortified when President Lee Tenghui responded negatively. accepting an invitation to make a "private" US visit. Washington's commit-

ment to Taiwan took shape in 1949-50 after Chiang Eai-shek fled with two million Nationalist followers. Washington had backed Chiang in the Chinese civil war, and now built him up as China. as part of the policy of containing China. For many years the US did not rule out the possibility of a Na-tionalist return to the keep China in check. mainland

The US-China deal which emerged in the 1970s was based on the assumption that Taiwan no longer prethe other, north-east of Tai-wan near the port of Keelung, sented an urgent problem. The strategic aspect

receded as trade relations developed on all sides. Taiwan seeks incremen-

tal improvement of relations with Beijing, but baulks at talks about reunification. Until recently both sides have tacitly ac-cepted that relations will only evolve slowly. But China now regards Taiwan's democratisation as a mask flights, so we do want to urge for "splitting activities" and is afraid that the island will

Japan is increasingly fear-ful of Chinese military inten-tions. It also has close culquietly slip away. Taiwan watches the political uncertainty in Beijing with concern and is tural ties with Taiwan, which it ruled from 1895 to 1945. Taialarmed by the crackdown on dissidents. wan is the one country in Asia that remembers war-

nese, which are also claimed officials and business execu tives say that although war by China and Taiwan. between China and Taiwan is unlikely, the risk must be

"This is an unfortunate di

Some military experts fear that China might try to seize a Taiwan-claimed island as a show of force. The Senkakus taken seriously, because a war could ruin the prospects of all of East Asia. Although countries such as New Zealand and the Philip Show of force pines are calling for restraint, many are biting their tongues

for fear of annoying Beijing. President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines, in a carefully region since Vietnam worded statement, urged restraint, by Taiwan as well Philippine officials are reluctant to criticise China

One of the largest concentration of US naval power in the

KOREA publicly, although privately they sometimes urge the United States to do more to CHINA One test zone, south-west of FUTAN PROVINCE Taiwan near the port of Kao-hsiung, is far from Japan. But

is near Yonaguni and other Japanese islands that are part of Okinawa Prefecture. While the White House was denouncing the missile tests as "provocative and reckless". Japan's chief government spokesman Seiroku Kajiyama, would go no further than call-Ing them "regretitable". "They are going to have a strong effect on shipping. Task forces

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• 130 carrier-based strike aircrait • Ticonderoga anti-missile ith AEGIS (mis cruisers w command & control system) 2 destroyers with AEGIS 3 submarines with Harpoon and Tomahawk mis Each task force also capable of monitoring contains a marine amphibious brigade

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self-restraint," he said.

hospital. - AP.

Rao survives MPs' threat

The Indian prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, survived an opposition move yesterday to expel him from parliament when the Speaker of the lower house. Shivraj Patil, dismissed their petition. The former human said yesterday. - Reuter. resources development minister, Arjun Singh, heading a breakaway faction of Mr Rao's Congress Party, sought win a vote in 1993. - Reuter.

Dagestan near the Caspian Sea has exploded, leaving to move a "privilege motion" against Mr Rao, accusing him of bribing four deputies to regions without supplies for regions without supplies for heating or cooking - Reuter. **Crash victims** Surgeon shot dead

Gunmen shot and killed an Eighteen people were killed American surgeon. Rodney Belcher, in Kampala, Uganda, press train ploughed into a Lyon, went on trial for the said. - Reuter.

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| yesterday after forcing him | minibus carrying a wedding | second time in a year yesterout of his car near the main party at an unmanned level crossing about three miles from Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, day on new charges of political graft. Mr Noir is accused of using municipal subsidies fraudulently to finance politi-**Papers suspended** India. - Reuter. Gambia's seven independent cal campaigns. - Reuter.

Joint exercises newspapers have suspended Vice crackdown publication pending approval Ukraine and Germany began from the military government under new conditions which their first joint military exer-Vienna is to crack down on cises near Dnipropetrovsk, illegal prostitution with south of Kiev, yesterday under Nato's Partnership for tougher laws to combat the spread of venereal disease, a include a \$10,000 bond, editors city councillor, Johann Hatzl,

Peace programme. - AP. **Gas pipe blast** Tito's yacht sale A section of gas pipeline in Galeb (Seagull), a yacht which belonged to Tito, will be put on auction at a starting

price of \$2 million, Montene-Singapore's patriarch, Lee Kuan Yew, aged 72, will gro's government said yesterday. - AP. Mayor on trial

undergo heart treatment this week for the second time in and 26 injured when an ex- Michel Noir, former mayor of three months, state television

Spy satellites PM refuses to over Fujian to Charles

Agencies in Sydney

AUSTRALIA'S new con-Aservative prime minis-ter, John Howard, a declared monarchist. declined to swear alle-

giance to the "beirs and successors" of the Queen when be took office vesterday. Mr Howard pledged alle-

giance to the Australian people and the Queen at his swearing-in ceremony before the Queen's represen-tative in Australia, the governor-general Sir William Deanes. The oath is still part of the formal inauguration ceremony for Aus-tralian prime ministers. with a 5 million rupee (nearly 5100,000) price on his head for his alleged involvement in dozens of murders, died in a gunfight with security forces, Mr Howard, who opposed moves by the defeated Labour prime minister. Paul Keating, to make Aus-

tralia a republic by the turn of the century, would not be drawn on the signifialong with another militant. "As troops entered the room where Nacem Sherri was hiding, he opened fire ... resulting in bullet injuries to an officer, two inspectors and cance of his oath. He said the changes to his oath showed a "commitment to serve the Austra-

a soldier," an official state-ment said. But members of the houselian people" and that he ex-pected Australians to vote on whether they wanted a republic by the year 2000. "We committed ourselves to the Australian people

told a different story. Baig's family said the 27first as was appropriate. We swore allegiance to the Queen [because] she's part of our constitution," Mr year-old printer was asleep with his pregnant wife when "The question of our con-stitutional future is to be 1.30am.

determined through a process involving a convention and I think in every sense have any grudge against

The Australian people him away and the family was

regarded as an act of self-defence. with the Turkish president, Lebanon called for a

United States, we have no hope that something valuable



The bullet reigns in Pakistan capital,

writes Suzanne Goldenberg

HE TRAIL of blood started in the corner of a room behind a televi-sion set where one of Pakistan's most wanted men cow-ered. Paramilitary forces shot him dead in front of his wife

and baby, then dragged his corpse through the hallway and into the road. Police in Earacht said natched even during General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq's dic-tatorship in the 1980s. An esti-mated 58 MQM activists have Naeem Sherri, a Mohajin Quami Movement activisi 'In Zia's time, there was some

semblance of judicial process'

been killed this year. The police claim self-defence; the media. MQM and human

hold in the Gulshan-e-Iqbai neighbourhood of eastern Karachi where Sherri and Amjad Baig died yesterday

"He held up his hands and said, 'Please arrest me if you of the word the oath got it me'," said his sister. right. The security forces took

will have a vote before the still waiting for his return the government decided to trurn of the century to yesterday afternoon. But bul-resolve that [republican] let holes on a parked truck which 2,000 died last year and a blood stain on rubble | the highest toll in 10 years of

near the doorstep of his home | bloodletting --- it has been the suggest his fate. | turn of MQM militants to die. Tell me, tell me, how they

Karachi's police chief. Mu-hammad Shoaib Suddle, said could have been killed in an encounter," his sister said. more than 1,000 had been put Indoors, a continuous arc of bullet holes stretches from out of action. "Those who have been

killed or arrested were Catethe outer wall of the courtgory A people. Those who are still at large are mainly in-volved in small offences. They are not that deadly." Mr Sudyard across a narrow corridor to a tiny bathroom — away from where Baig was cap-tured and Sherri died.

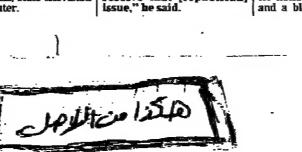
tured and Sherri died. For human rights observers, the manner of Sherri and Baig's deaths is familiar, and Baig's deaths is familiar, and "This proposition, that every man arrested is put before a firing squad, is abso-lute nonsense, though there have been a couple of cases where we also feel excessive fire power was used.

However, Zohra Yusuf, sec-retary-general of the Human Rights Commission of Paki-stan, claimed the killing. some of which involved the torture of police prisoners, was systematic.

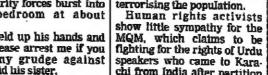
"This kind of extra-judicial killing is a kind of policy that was never seen before." she said. "In Zia's time, there was some semblance of judicial rights activists say the deaths were cold-blooded murders. Yesterday's killings come after a relative respite for the process. no matter how flawed. There is no end to it now and no one has been punished. The government posi-tion is that these are terrorpeople of Karachi, who have seen Pakistan's liveliest city ists and as such have lesser transformed into an urban rights." battlezone where MQM fac-







in 1947.



tions, the security forces and sectarian gunmen take turns terrorising the population. Human rights activists

speakers who came to Kara-chi from India after partition

But since last June, when the government decided to crack down on the violence in

Suleyman Demirel, the Canadian prime minister. Jean Chrètien, Japan's foreign minister, Yukhiko Ikeda, and the European Commission vice-president. Manuel otic one. Already, Sharm ei-Sheikh is crawling with troops and security men. Mr Clinton will bring his usual huge entourage and the Rus-sian delegation, headed by President Borls Yeltsin, is also expected to be enormous. Europe will be represented dent, Yasser Arafat, for hit-trops and security men. Mr the European Commission write-president. Manuel Marin. For Mr Peres the meeting praise the Palestinian presi-bore that something valuable dent, Yasser Arafat, for hit-will come out of it, 'he said. a propaganda exercise. "Since it is directed by the

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Chris McGreal reports on the spinal meningitis epidemic that has killed 3,000 in northern Nigeria | News in brief

Death takes a costly minibus

Hospital is just 10 miles from Maimuna Suleiman's village. Yet it was days after her vio lent coughs offered the first hint of potential doom that the 4-year-old Nigerian girl was finally carried into the one place that could save her. Maimuna's mother, Hadiza, took her first to Garko village dispensary, but no one there recognised the child's condi-tion. Only when she returned the next day did the nurse refer her to the cottage hospi-tal. But it was a Friday, the holy day in Islamic northern Nigeria. And then came the weekend. So Hadiza waited. "I didn't think the hospital

would be open," she said. "All the government offices are closed at the weekend."

the government offices are closed at the weekend." Cation of gastro-enteritis. On Monday Hadiza finally lifted her rapidly deterioration children never make it to the

JDIL Cottage | ing daughter and want in | hospital because transport is | propped up on the back of mo-lospital is just | search of transport. That | difficult to find in rural areas. | torbike taxis, or half a dozen proved another obstacle. Buses can be hard to find and a fuel scarcity has doubled the price of a journey. Hadiza had to bargain to get a fare she could afford. By the time she and Mai-

muna finally joined the queue at Wudil Cottage Hospital, a crop of spartan concrete bun-galows, her child was on the brink of death. The doctor recognised the illness imme-diately. Another case in the spinal meningitis outbreak that is sweeping northern Ni-geria. So far, the disease has claimed about 3,000 lives. Al-most all of them are children who die within days of con-tracting the disease. Mai-

mums had the added compli-

and expensive. Other families at a time laid out in minifear they do not have the mises money to pay the hospital, not Maimuna's name is regis knowing that treatment is tered in the pages of meningifree now that foreign donatis admissions since January.

tions of drugs are arriving. On Saturday Wudil Cottage "A lot of people are dying Hospital was treating 99 cases

A lot of people are dying along the road because of problems with transport'

along the road before they get | — nearly twice the number of here because of the complica-tions with transport." Mr Mo-hammed said. "They are com-ing from as far as 30 miles just two days earlier. There is also gastro-entaritis, which some fear may really be cholera, and scattered cases of measles, which Wudil has no medicines to combat. away. If they have money they charter any vehicle to get here. But some just don't Each page of the register inmake it. They just don't have the money and they leave it cludes names marked "died on admission". Eighteen too late." deaths have been recorded at Patients have arrived the cottage hospital alone.

The hospital was swamped long before Maimuna arrived. dry heat which caused the meningitis outbreak. An el-derly mother and father gently fed their daughter She was put in a makeshift ward in what had been an open shed — now protected with wicker mats stretched water with a spoon. Occasion-ally she took it. Another man struggled to preserve a young woman's modesty by trying to keep her almost naked body around the outside. Even that is not enough to meet demand. A dozen patients lie wrapped as she thrashed Mr Mohammed and the five other nurses on duty cannot about in pain. Maimuna survived, to Mr keep up with the demand, any

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of food.

Mohammed's surprise. As Ha-diza gave thanks for her daughter's life, a battered white minibus drew up. A more than the only doctor, who was sent by the govern-ment of neighbouring Niger. At night there is no doctor at man in his twenties gently pulled a marginally younger woman from the seat, cradled all. Emergency care is left to But no one is abandoned. All arrive with some relative her and then stumbled to wait his turn on a wooden bench outside the doctor's office. carrying essential utensils --pots, kettles and prayer mats -- who will also go in search One of the nurses looked at the woman, shook her head

and commented that it was sad that people were leaving it so long before coming to the Anxious relatives spend their days fanning patients in a effort to ease the searing, hospital

Iraq blocks UN inspection of site

IRAQ blocked United Nations inspectors from examining a site near Baghdad yesterday, apparently in fear that they might uncover more evidence of plans for weapons of mass destruction.

The incident followed a similar one last Friday and came as iraq and the UN began new talks on a deal to buy food in exchange for limited oil sales.

"We think the UN inspectors are looking in the right places - where the Iraqis have hidden damaging material," a Foreign Office official said. "They're hitting the right buttons." Previ-ous disclosures badly damaged Iraqi hopes for a lifting of sanctions

The food-for-oil talks centre on a UN offer last April to allow lraq to sell \$1 billion worth of oil every 90 days to buy humani-tarian goods and alleviate the effects of sanctions. — *Ian Block*.

23 police die in Tiger ambush

A 300-STRONG force of Tamil Tiger rebels killed 23 police, including 15 commandos, yesterday after Juring them out of their post in eastern Sri Lanka. security sources said. It was the highest death toll in weeks of skirmishes.

The police were acting on information that a large group of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) had gathered for an attack on a village in eastern Batticaloa district. After arriving at an open space between two paddy fields, they were ambushed. urmy sources said.

Two commando inspectors and a sub-inspector were among the dead. Twelve constables, seven reserve constables and a reserve sub-inspector were also killed and four police were wounded. The rebels lost 20 fighters, the sources said. — Reuter, Colombo.

Drunk Russians sell tank

RUSSIAN troops sold a tank and armoured combat vehicle to Chechen rebels after a drinking binge, Interfax news agency said yesterday. The soldiers, belonging to the 106th motor-rifle div-ision based in the east of Chechenia, parted with the heavy equipment for \$6,000 after getting drunk with rebels loyal to the separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, the agency said. Interfax, quoting a military counter intelligence official for the report, said an investigation was under way. - Reuter, Moscour,

Former presidents go on trial

BOOED from the public gallery and taunted with a cry of "sons of bitches", two former South Korean presidents appeared side by-side in a Secul court yesterday to face charges of mutiny and

Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae-woo, former generals, face the death sentence if convicted. They appeared in court with 14 other former senior military officers. Mr Chun is accused of mutiny for masterminding a 1979 coup

that gave him and his protige Mr Roh a grip on the presidency for 13 years from 1960 to 1993. Mr Roh is charged with aiding Mr Chun stage the putsch that followed the assassination of the strongman Park Chung-hee. The two have also been indicted for sedition in connection with a 1980 army massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators.

Dozens of protesters screaming obscenities and demanding heavy punishment scuffled with police outside. — Reuter, Seoul

Andean bloc formed

FIVE Latin American presidents have approved the creation of an Andean Community economic bloc to replace the 25-year-old Andean Pact trade group. They said the new bloc, comprising Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, would seek economic and political harmony along the lines of the European

"We agreed to take a great leap forward to build from the Andean Pact a superior entity, the Andean Community," Presi-dent Alberto Fujimori of Peru said after the summit. — Reuter, Trujillo, Peru.

Americans stay quiet about **Bosnia pull-out**

European concern about the timetable for withdrawal of Nato is being

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would also make use of ar-rangements for the European organisation to employ Nato's (often American) assets, such ATO'S loudly declared determination to pull out of Bosnia at the end of the year is becoming a little as intelligence satellites and

heavy transport aircraft. While the debate continues. While the official policy remains unchanged - that the Nato-led I-For is putting the 60.000-strong peace imple-mentation force I-For will together, if not an alternative withdrawal plan, then at least stay for 52 weeks and not a day longer — there is a grow-ing private acceptance that a timetable for deciding on it. British commanders reach a milestone in June when the six-monthly rotation of their forces provides an op-portunity to make structural sort of follow-on force may be needed to protect the fragile settlement. In Brussels, military planchanges

Also in June, Nato foreign ners are already working on alternative "exit strategies". But public discussion is ministers meet in Berlin to

taboo. Partly this is in defer-Officials admit that



ence to Washington, where it is a presidential imperative in election year that US troops are on their way home before Christmas. Partly it is a fear that talk

of staying on beyond the Day-ton accord deadline will be-come self-fulfilling. One diplomat said it

reminded him of a phrase the French once used about the sensitive question of Alsace-Lorraine — "Y pensez tou-jours: n'en parlez jamais" (Always think about it, never talk about it).

The I-For commander, US Admiral Leighton Smith, is prepared to discuss almost any other aspect of the opera-tion. Interviewed in London last week, he conceded that there might be a follow-on force, but emphasised that the decision was not bis. As a mil-itary man, he would merely make a recommendation "when the time is right" "when the time is right". Other Nato officials repeat

until the elections are over. As autumn sets in, Brussels

the agreed mantra: "In together, stay together, leave together." Privately, how-ever, they admit that cracks

move by October. For the moment, Admiral Smith declares himself satisever, they admit that cracks have appeared in the diplo-matic facade. The British, particularly, do not have the Americans' confidence that it I-For operation, but express will be sensible to pull the en-tire force out. "Having put so much into Bosnia, we don't much into Bosnia, we don't He also urges the develop-want to throw it away," one ment of a civilian infrastructure to replace I-For.

And yet there are grim memories in London of trying to make the United Nations peacekeeping operation work without Washington's sup-port and without its troops committed on the ground.

source said.

This is a powerful argu-ment for the Europeans to we go."

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diplomatic facade

assess progress in crucial areas such as civilian recon-struction, elections, and consolidation of the suspect Croat-Muslim federation. I-For has not decided how to support the elections.

which are promised between June and mid-September, but with thousands of polling points the allies are agreed that "a commanding pres-ence" will be required at least

will have to choose between several withdrawal options, which by then will come with military plans attached. The underlying calculation is that For needs 100 days to com-

plete the pull-out. If the dead-line is still Christmas, the first columns must be on the

fied with the first phase of the concern about the fragility of the Croat-Muslim federation.

In Brussels there are doubts whether that can be achieved by the deadline. Equally, there is a strong de-sire to make a clean break if possible. One source summed up the mood: "Either we suc ceed and we go, or we fail and



Commanding sights . . . Workers enjoy the view yesterday from the mouth of the Merlion statue, combining a mermaid with a lion, being built on the resort island of Sentosa, Singapore. It is due to open next monthphotograph JONATHAN DRAKE

feud flares into shooting war convention in Helsinki.

One killed as motorcycle gang

will some kind of retribu-

tion, but we don't know

what," said a Swedish de-

Hells Angels and Bandi-

Greg Melvor in Steekholm were apparently shot with automatic weapons by Scandinavian police Said yesterday they Hells Angels who escaped by car. Oslo police charged a

were bracing themselves Norwegian Hells Angel for a "war" between feuding motorcycle gangs after one man died and four were with attempted murder yes-terday and held a further wounded in gun battles at Copenhagen and Oslo airthree for questioning. Danish police made about 30 arrests and Swedish police set ports between rival Hells up a 20-man squad to monitor the gangs' activities. "I do not believe the war-

which caused panic among passengers and sparked an international police alert. is the most serious outring will stop here. There are reasons to believe there break of violence yet in an escalating conflict between

tective superintendent, Last week three Bandidos Gunnar Hierner. were injured in an ex-change of fire with Hells Angels in the Swedish town of Helsingborg. The day be-fore a Hells Angels member dos in Scandinavia take

their orders from parent organisations in Texas and California respectively. There, distance reduces the escaped death after discovrisks of confrontation, but in Scandinavia the geoering a bomb under his car bonne graphical proximity in-Sunday's victims were all

members of the Bandidos, which established itself as creases tensions. Both groups have about rivals to the Hells Angels in 100 members in the region, with headquarters in southern Sweden, Copenhacandinavia two years ago. The men, who were southern Sweden, Coper returning from a weekend gen. Oslo and Helsinki.

Corsican nationalists take violence to Paris with attack

the last year and cost more than Fr300 million (£40 mil-lion) in property damage this Alex Duval Smith in Paris

THE bloody 20-year cam-paign of Corsican nation-alist violence yesterday ap-peared to be spreading to year alone. The French interior minister, Jean-Louis Debré, is accused by peace groups on the island of having begun talks with the most violent mainland France with news that the Parisian home of an armed faction, the Historic Wing of the Corsican National Liberation Front investigative journalist had come under machinegun fire. In the first mainland guer-(FLNC-Canal Historique). rilla attack by Corsican na-Critics say Mr Debré has en-listed the FLNC-CH to "elimiionalists, Guy Benhamou, a ournalist for the daily paper Liberation, escaped unhurt when his house was riddled nate" other nationalist groups on the island.

Jo Sisti, a councillor reprewith bullets last Friday senting the political wing of the more moderate Accolta evening. Responsibility was not claimed, but police said the attack bore the hallmarks of Naziunale Corsa in Corsica's regional assembly, said: "The

Corsican nationalists. Mr state is leaning on the Histor-Benhamou, the newspaper's Corsica specialist, has recently revealed links be-tween the French government ic Wing to liquidate the Corsi-can nationalist movement. What will emerge is a legiti-mised Historic Wing, set up to preserve its own interests and and hardline elements on the Mediterranean island. those of [President Jacques

Sources feared the attack Chirac's] Rally for the Republic party. We will always resist this mafia approach." could be the first in a series responding to new, divisive policies by the French govsaid Mr Sisti.

A member of his party's ernment to control violence Attacks linked to three armed armed wing, Resistanza, esgroups have claimed more caped a machinegun attack than 40 lives on the island in | on the island last Thursday.

Wanted Rwandan arrested

CAMEROON has arrested the late Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana's chief of presidential staff, who is wanted by the

UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague. Colonel Theoneste Bagosora is wanted by the tribunal in connection with the April 1994 deaths of 10 Belgian soldiers Uwilingiyimana. The state prosecutor's office, which ordered the arrest, declined

to comment on what would happen to Col Bagosora, who has been in Cameroon since September 1995.

The war crimes irlbunal has so far indicted 10 Rwandans in connection with the deaths of up to a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus in the genocide after Habyarimans's plane was shot down in April 1994. — Reuter, Yaounde.

Cougars on the streets

COUGARS still roaming rural parts of California have crept into the suburbs to become the centre of controversy between hunters and environmentalists. The deadly big cats — also called puma or mountain lion — attacked and killed two women joggers in 1994, carried off people's cats, and ate a poodle in a mountain village. They have also been seen strolling through a car park and suburban gardens in San Diego.

Diego. Cougars, numbering up to 10,000 in California, have been protected since 1990. Then voters overwhelmingly passed a state referendum decreeing that the animals could be killed only if they attacked; or it could be proved they were menacing humans, pets or livestock. By 1994 game wardens had shot 120, an annual kill that has risen by about eight a year since the referendum. Now another upportion is on the bellot later this month which Now another proposition is on the ballot later this month which would permit licensed sportsmen to cull the animals. However, environmentalists argue that the measure comes from trophy hunters and gun owners eager to put cougar heads over their fireplaces. — Christopher Reed, Los Angeles.

'Goya' sparks detective hunt



THE discovery of a religious painting in Franco's torture chambers has prompted a detective hunt to establish its origins. Workmen stumbled on it, covered in dust, in a locked basement room of a palazzo in the Puerta del Sol which was the headquarters of Franco's secret police. Experts initially attributed it to Goya. "It's a corker of a

Asperts initially attributed it to Goya. It is a corker of a Goya, "said José Maria Luzòn, director of the Prado museum, when the canvas, which shows saints pleading for the souls in purgatory, was unveiled. "It is a particularly significant find and could not have come at a better time in the run-up to celebrations of the Order and the sould the sould be the sould the 250th aniversary of Goya's birth this year," said the regional president, Alberto Ruiz Gallardon, adding that

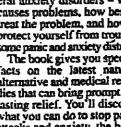
there was no doubt about its authenticity. But even though the painting is signed by Goya, rival experts disagreed. "Everyone has got carried away," said Alfonso Pérez Sánchez, a former director of the Prado, who argued that the painting was more likely to be the work of a lesser known artist, Salvador Maella.

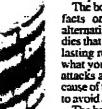
A large Goya showing a religious scene would be worth about 2,000 million pesetas (£11 million), 200 times the amount a Maella would fetch. — Adela Gooch, Madrid.

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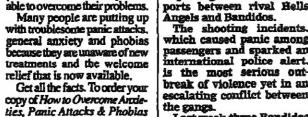




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A lifeline for small firms

But they need macro-economic help even more

were in free fall all over the world yesterday, the stock of small companies in Britain rose as the Prime Minister declared them a zone of urgent priority for reform. Small businesses, he said, were not some minority interest but the backbone of the economy and the main from curbing late payment of bills to pledges to abolish inheritance and capital gains tax — which were greeted as a "bullseye" by the CBI.

It is easy to be cynical because yesterday's measures were announced 17 years after the Government took office and shortly before a general election. Inevitably they become entangled with the Government's desperate desire not to cede more of the small business vote to the Liberal-Democrats and a rejuvenated Labour Party. But on the central issue - the vital importance of small firms - Mr Major is dead right. At a time when large manufacturing companies are planning to shed yet more labour and when the job-generating ability of service industries is fading, it is of paramount importance to establish more small firms and - just as important - to ensure that small ones make the transition to bigger ones. Many small companies would love to have the firms which could have survived in less luxury of being big enough to watch demanding circumstances. The puni-with equanimity when their shares fall tive levels of interest — and a relucby billions as happened yesterday. The shake-out in world stock markets was triggered by news that the US created went down like a line of dominoes. This triggered by news that the op that is why the Government tost and the optimized by news that the optimized by news that a single month. That is why the Government tost and the compares with 128,000 in the UK in a votes among normally loyal small business people. What matters now is not ness people. What matters now is not the charter but whether a in manufacturing). The markets fell yesterday's charter but whether a because they took this news as evidence that the US recovery was too strong, even though many of the same people were worried that the recovery was too weak barely weeks ago.

WHILE the shares of large companies speech any reference to the Government's reported plans to abolish basic workers' rights in small business, and to make it even easier than it is already to fire people. Thank goodness too. It is one thing to strip red tape from small companies, quite another to encourage them to treat their employees like cattle. Small businesses thrive best if they are part of an implicit contract which treats customers and employees as stakeholders in the company. By all means sweep away unnecessary procedures, legislate against late payment of bills and streamline taxation, but small companies must realise that they too have duties to fulfill in return — including paying over their just share of taxation. It is their own interest to contribute to the financing of educa-Letters to the Editor tion, health and employment on which

their own long-term future depends. Government should remember that the best way it can assist small firms is by creating a stable macro-economic environment. Small businesses have suffered disproportionately and avoidably from two unnecessarily steep recessions at the start and the end of the eighties. Interest rates (and the value of the pound) were driven up to absurdly high levels, bankrupting in the process tens of thousands of small went down like a line of dominoes. This is why the Government lost so many newly elected government, Labour or Conservative, will give the small business sector the continuing priority it deserves once the election is out of the way. Recent experience is not John Major dropped from yesterday's encouraging.

The new age of grammar schools

And pigs might fly and rivers might one day run uphill...

SERIOUS policy-making is over. An | 100 biggest firms approached by miniselection approaches. It is time for gim-micks. Indeed, it is time to take policy-making out of the hands of cabinet gimmick: 20 city technology colleges Nelson's column DRESIDENT Mandela canministers and their departments who with the remit of becoming are supposed to be responsible for adexcellence"? ministering services and place it in the Just suppose new grammars did emerge in every town. What would happen then? Presumably, where they took over from "failed" comprehenwas that the mouthplece of Central Conservative Office - the Sunday Exsives, new grammars would proceed to destabilise remaining comprehensives press - reported a "dramatic" Tory turning some of them into sink schools as better pupils were siphoned off. Where new schools were built, eaglefollowing suit by making the proposals eyed Audit Commission inspectors their main story yesterday. The Prime would have a field day asking why new Minister is reported to be ready to schools were being being built when there were almost one million surplus school places. Parliament's watchdog on public expenditure would want to winning the next election. know who thought private sector built So will it happen? No. If ever a schools would save money. Meanwhile, proposal looked ready to win the Colan- | the 80 per cent of parents who could not get their children into the new grammars would be in revolt. No wonder the Education Secretary is resisting the idea. The last thing our businesses to create a new generation school system needs now - after a decade of upheaval and change - is more upheaval. Ministers were supposed to have accepted the plea from Sir would be built - to spare the Govern-Ron Dearing, the man who brought peace back to the classroom, for a period of stability. Last Friday, Labour the implications. Who would organise was 37 per cent ahead of the Tories in Gallup's survey of public credibility on education. Gimmicks won't close this businesses put up money when 77 of the gap.

ferred Location, DTI 1995) Employees in the UK al-ready work longer hours, for less pay and with fewer em-ployment rights than workers in any western industrialised cure in the knowledge that their efforts will not be underready work longer hours, for less pay and with fewer rem-ployment rights than workers in any western industrialised state. Poverty and income in-equality in the UK have ment has been roundly con-transforment rights that workers in any western industrialised state. Poverty and income in-equality in the UK have ment has been roundly con-transforment rights in the past, the Govern-equality in the UK have ment has been roundly con-transforment rights in the past, the Govern-equality in the UK have ment has been roundly con-transforment rights in the past, the Govern-equality in the UK have ment has been roundly con-transforment rights round in the past, the Govern-equality in the UK have ment has been roundly con-

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LEARLY the Govern-ment is now consider-ployment rights of 10 million of our follow citizens em-ployed by small businesses (Leader, March 6). Their hesi-ting construction for the labour ployment rights of 10 million of our follow citizens em-ployment rights of 10 million of our follow citizens em-ployment has doubless to do (Leader, March 6). Their hesi-ting construction for the labour ployment rights for businesses (Leader, March 6). Their hesi-ting construction for the labour ployment rights for provide with exten-sive policies of privatisation, encourage bad employers to compete on the basis of cut-ting construction for the labour site policies of privatisation, encourage bad employers to compete on the basis of cut-ting construction for breach of its in-ternational legal obligations by the International Labour Organisation and by the it removes all employment small firms it will breach wat rights from employees in small firms it will breach yet ting costs. Increasingly, these cuts are made by reducing more European Directives. the proximity of a general staff, reducing training, election. However, it will be recalled that the Government did not hesitate in removing the ing the limited standards that LLO Conventions and the European Convention on Human Rights and Funda-mental Freedoms. John Hendy QC. Chairperson.

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Carolyn Jones Director, Institute of Employment Rights, 160 Falcon Road, London SW11 2LN. T strikes as a little rich tha

Michael Heseltine should decide that the best way to give impetus to small businesses is to cut employ-ment rights rather than, say, to encourage quicker pay-ment of debts owed to ease cash flows.

whim of an employer is surely as much a human right as the right to practice one's religion of choice or freely to express one's views, all jointly integral to personal existence and development. That the Cabinet rift should come in the wake of the Europe-ASEAN talks adds all the more to the Long the more to the lrony.

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Practically, it seems un-likely that the proposals would have created more jobs; more that it would have jobs; more that it would have created a larger lumpen prole-tariat from which employers could choose workers effec-tively on daily unsecured con-tracts, sacking at will but never actually increasing the sum total of jobs within the economy. Which MD would want to expand past 20 emwant to expand past 20 em-ployees with the knock-on ef-fects and why would an em-ployee choose (or rather be forced to choose) such an emforgoing all

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READ Mark Lawson's ageist the privatisation of the rail-

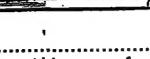
(Arena, March 4) underesti-mates the public's disdain for Parliamentary politics, and its language of leaks, embarrass-ment, denials and the simple arithmetic of victory or defeat as a substitute for real accountability. To the rest of us, the acres of space wasted reporting these games is like fiddling while Rome burns, as

whom there are no beds. Political reporters feed the illusion that narrow victories or defeats mean something. They seem trapped in an epi-way" syndrome - that blinds politicians and reporters to the importance of wider issues than the next morning's headlines. But they could refuse to accept soundbites and jockey-ing for position within a party

as "news". If Ministers and reporters saw the repercussions of poli-tics in relation to its real impact on our lives, on our high streets, and on the choices open to us about where to live. travel, work, and send our children to school, issues like

rights of the lowest paid to minimum wages fixed by the statutory Wages Councils, nor in removing from all workers the host of other em-ployment rights, achieved by eight Acts of Parliament since 1980. Indeed the Government bearts of the fixe tit, the limited standards that remain encourages this down-ward spiral and does nothing to create jobs. Small businesses (and their employment rights based on internationally agreed ward spiral and does notring to create jobs. Small businesses (and their employees) would be better assisted by developing a floor of employment rights based on internationally agreed standards below which no market or jeb contor could be sens are the worst protected employees in Europe: "The UK has the least onerous labour regulations in Europe" (Britain the Pre-formed content of the pre-formed content of the pre-termine the least onerous of the pre-termine the pre-term

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That business of workers' rights House of charades charades JOHN Cole's lament for the dearth of serious coverage of Parliamentary debates

we watch the unnecessary death of our towns, public transport, and ill relatives for

hands of unknown political acolytes in Downing Street's policy unit. And so it move for a new wave of grammar schools in scores of towns across the country with the Times and Telegraph make the plan the highlight of the next Tory election manifesto - convinced new ideas on education are the key to

der Cup for the poorest thought out policy of the year, this grammar gimmick looks well placed. The idea is that parents will get together with local of grammars. In some cities the new schools would take over "failed" comprehensives and in others new ones ment from the initial multi-million pound construction costs. Now think of the parents? How would parental demand be measured? Why should local

Balliol and Dr Flick's endowment

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The college is right to accept the money for a Professorship

ONLY one thing exceeds the readiness of the world's wealthiest industrialists to give their money to Oxbridge colleges, and that is the eagerness of those same colleges to accept it from them. The colleges have always depended upon the generosity of the rich to maintain them in the style to which they are accustomed and, the world being what it is, it is not surprising that some bequests come from more morally questionable sources than others.

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There must have been a time, for example, when the huge generosity of this kind. The purpose of such money Cecil Rhodes and Alfred Beit towards can never be divorced from its source, a the university could have been a source of serious moral embarrassment to Oxford. There was, without doubt, African blood on these massive bequests, however equitably they have subsequently been spent. With the passing of the years these arguments have become less powerful and the educational usefulness of the bequests more obvious.

These arguments have now resurfaced in the debate as to whether Balliol College should accept money from the Flick family to endow a chair in European Thought. Those who oppose the endowment say, correctly, that the Flicks were among the most prominent employers of slave labour during the Third Reich. Those who support it say, equally correctly, that 50 years have passed and that the sins of the fathers

should not be visited upon their sons. Every endowment raises questions of this kind. The purpose of such money point which beneficiaries should always carefully assess. It is beyond doubt that the Flick family has a very guilty past. But they also have an entirely honourable present and it is hard to see how a society which places no restrictions on Mercedes-Benz cars can logically object to the family's charitable bequests. Canterbury, Kent CT2 8HF.

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not win. If he delegates, he will be criticised for losing his grip. Yet when he does his job as the executive President he is, we have David Beres ford (South Africa's old hand tightens grip on power. March 3) suggesting he is "de-veloping in his advancing years a taste for power..." and that "his dominance of public life could stunt the empryonic political system".

tation has doubtless to do with their small majority and

boasts of the fact that its citi-

President Mandela is not a titular president. He is hands on as necessary. His record, reputation and actions belie any thought that he is power seeking. His pointed interventions are the more necessary in view of the tricky chal-lenges faced in transforming South Africa from apartheid to democracy. He is undoubtedly one of

the fittest septuagenarians on political record. The "taste for power" tag

plays on a particular north-ern hemisphere phobia that the Guardian knows all about the superior belief, nurtured in lesser papers, that African leaders are power-seeking, and worse. The Guardian, which I have read with enthusiasm all my life, has never been part of that lot. Why not keep it that way?

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The Hitchens post (continued) Maggie at war

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London SW1Y 5AW.

NOTICE that, in Barones Thatcher's speech in Ful-ton, Missouri, (March 9) she warns of the military dangers posed by unstable megalomaniacs.

Leaving aside the tempta-tion to ask her to examine the mote in her own eye, I cannot however but ponder on her sudden realisation that these are indeed dangerous people and were no less so when, as Prime Minister, she did all she could to encourage the sale of arms to them. into journalism.

Perhaps we should see her latest offering in the same light, for the construction of Star Wars II could not help but boost the profits of the very same people in the mili-tary hardware business.

Less Iron Lady, more brass neck. Brian Bethell. 3 Cherry Drive,

there. Roger Protz. 139 Charmouth Road, St Albans AL1 4SG.

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Feeding (on) the pigeons

N Trafalgar Square, we have a magnificent civic space, redolent with historic associa-ing and beagling ... are not sports such as shooting, cours-ing and beaging ... are not believed to pose a threat to the tion, yet its outer edges are thronged with heavy traffic, and the pollution arising from national hare population." It also mentions the positive those vehicles is all too evi-dent, especially in summer (Leader, March 9). The middle contribution that game keepers make to hare numbers. Where there is coursing of the square is crowded with feral pigeons. Can such an enthere are always game keep ers. They make sure there are

vironment be healthy for us, much less for our children? always hares. Restricting or banning coursing would dis-rupt this triangle of hare con-I understand, incidentally, that Trafalgar Square is the servation. The species would become further threatened by only public square in Westminster where pigeon feeding is permitted. Is this any longer its greatest foes: modern agri-cultural practices and fox appropriate? Michael Gwilliam.

predation. Here is the central weakness of the animal rights movement. It is not underpinned by sound conservation principles but by an extremist political philosophy which has little to do with the species they are trying to

YOU report that "hare num-bers have dropped to an all time low" and that "one of the causes of this decline is hare protect. John Gardiner. coursing" (Ministers consider hunting restrictions to aid Director, Political Affairs, British Field Sports Society, 59 Kennington Road, dwindling hare population, March 9). This is untrue. The Joint Nature Conservation | London SE1 7PZ

piece with the chagrin of ways would be today's pol one who, in 1960, played Tre-vor Nunn's twin — I was tax, galvanising the nation to insist on a coherent transport Viola to his Sebastian. Is this policy, not languishing some-where down the political the same Mark Lawson who, in an account of his own in-ability to pass his driving test, described me as having passed mine "in late middle ager? I was 43 at the time. If election ahead, will his mindhe really is only 33, he has a ers and the media have the long way to go in the next courage to allow him to do so? Roger Graef.

Margaret Drabble (aged 56). St Marks Road, 72 Westbourne Park Villas, London W2 5EB. London W10.

Unwin undead YOU say (The Crown Duels, March 11) that the new Roundheads are film-makers, MICHAEL WHITE'S refer-PR consultants, QCs, actresses and broadcasters. to Paddy Ashdown's internet How encouraging. But you can't fool us. These "new Roundheads" are only attacktyping style was an unfortunate pre-emption or "jumpy gunload" of Professor Stanley ing the monarchy to hide the truth — the aristocracy lost Unwin's demise. In fact, I had the pleasure of lunching with the professor today (burpypower long ago. There's been a coup. This country is being run by luvvies. They've taken over the media, and they are in control of one of the main pardiol) and can testify that, at the age of 84%, he is as cre-ative as ever. He took part recently in a TV series for political parties, and now Channel 4 and is presently considering an offer to make his first CD. So please squirmthey want to replace the Queen. it from the coffin-thorkus if

A luvviarchy or a monar chy — some choice! Frances Smith. you wold! Michael Pointon. 11 Kings Court, 154 Wellesley Road, Ilford, Essex.

A Country Diary

....... SOMERSET: Familiar sights | stringybarks, and, most strikand surroundings (and not ing of all, the gum known as just the hopeful crocuses in mountain ash. In late sumjust the hopeful crocuses in the garden) struck our eyes with extra sparkle after a mer, when it has sloughed off the old bark, it stands out time far from home, in places where sky and grass were amongst the greys and browns, tall, straight, and stripped almost white. Somerunfamiliar colours: trees and set sheep look plump, very white, and rather pleased shrubs were unfamiliar shapes, and fauna, like flora, were strange and exotic. Sunwith themselves after the shine obligingly lit south Somerset hillsides a green that looked especially vivid lean, dusty merinos stretched across miles of brown Australian grass that looks, to an after the dun-coloured planes and hills of north east Vic-English eye, dry and unappejourney by antique steam train up to the Dandenong ranges outside Melbanne tising. You can understand ranges outside Melbourne had taken us past what looked would not work there. The country store in the tiny hamlike (and in Somerset would let of Thoona, near Glenrowan, makes another have been) a vineyard, but the produce turned out to be kind of contrast; bare floornot grapes but Kiwi fruit The boards, basic groceries in bat-Dandenongs are lush, jungle tered tins ranged on wooden country, watered by streams shelves around the walls, a that flow into Port Phillip, in | single petrol pump outside part sub-temperate rain-for- and the odd customer every est, where Platypus and Lyrehour or so on first-name terms with the owner, who birds live, largely unseen. Gum-trees and tree-fern has a toddler on her hip as crowd in on the winding rail- she minds the store and way line. There are grey works the pump. JOHN VALLINS gums, manna-gums, silverleaf

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THEY say confession is good for the soul, so let me hold my hands up and admit: I gave Peter Hitchens his first job in journalism. So hurl fringe". It was a foolhardy inyour nut cutlets at me, Guard-ian readers. Back in the early 1970s, when the International dividual who talked to him about his political views then for fear of being ranted at at Socialists were a power in the great length and tedium. He appears surprised at the force of Guardian readers' land. I was editor of Socialist Worker. Christopher Hitchens, an IS stalwart, asked response to his dirt-digging me if I would give his youger on Cherie Booth. He obvi brother some reporting work ously underestimates our

anger at being faced with anas he was anxious to break other general election that The young Hitchens was dour, unsmiling and, journalwill be won or lost on smears about politicians' families istically speaking, was about as much use as a ruptured by the likes of him. balloon at a party. I was relieved when, after just a few Cath Tate.

weeks, he found a job on a London SW2 4EE. weekly paper in the West Please include a full postal Country. Pity he didn't stay address, even on e-mailed We may edit letters: shorter

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Diary Matthew Norman

N response to the appeal for memories of Peter Hitchens in his pre-Express, Trotskyite days, the metaphorical postbag bulges. Taking time away from the hunt for red Cherie, Peter himself called to offer help. Alas, he seems too unreliable a source to be trusted: his denial of a beard while an International Socialist in the early 1970s was swiftly contradicted by the arrival of a picture showing him addressing the proletariat from a soap-box. Meanwhile, a fellow student at York University recalled him organising a pro-Republican demo after Bloody Sunday, and sending car loads of students into pit villages during the miner's strike. "He had no sense of humour at all," said the caller. "He and Harriet Harman were known as the two most boring, po-faced people in York — he because of his fanaticism she because she was such a goody-two-shoes. They were the only ones who didn't smoke dope." Tomorrow, Peter explains why changes of belief, like those of which Mrs Blair is suspected, are seidom genuine. You see, he does have a sense of humour after all.

EANWHILE, I am shocked to note that some readers have rung the Express "Lets Get Cherle" freephone number (published on yesterday's letters page) to leave Peter messages he described as "depressingly coarse". There is never any excuse for rudeness, while one side-effect of this puerility was the closure of that freephone line. Our own 0800 number is in jeapordy, it be coming bombarded when Peter left it on his answermachine message. So let that be an end to it, then, and on no account try to contact Peter via the main Express switchboard. Unless, of course, you have something sensible to say.

HE Christian principle of forgiveness has infiltrated big business. Annie Bebington of Tottenham has received a letter of apology from the Royal Mail. The missive, from the customer services department, is signed by a certain Ron Biggs.

EIGHTING a one-wom an rearguard action against her family's image as grasping material-ists is my friend Princess Michael of Kent. Marie Christine (as, alone of all royal watchers, me and my

Controlling the slithering beast **********************

Commentary

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already have been endorsed (real, which means 1999 or by large swathes of opposilater

tion politicians as well as the majority of productive wealth-creators round the country. In other words, be-fore the people speak, the es-tablishment will have made up its mind.

These are large assump-tions. But each of them must hold good before the referen-********************* dum — this great democratic apotheosis, this healer of the nation, this entirely academic F THERE is ever a referendum on a single European currency, it is obvi-ous, though sometimes possibility — can happen. Nothing less, in the real world, will do. Such is the forgotten, what must precede it. The preconditions are arremoteness of the device upon which so much heat is cur-rently being expended. duous in the extreme. This truth will hold for any govrently being expended. Such also is the reality to set beside the vaporous de-mands being made by Sir James Goldsmith, who wants a referendum hadly, wants it now, wants it to be about "Europe" as a whole, and says he will run against any candidate who fails to commit ernment, but let's assume the Tories are miraculously returned, since they're the ones wanting this stick to beat them into the pretence of unity. A referendum will occur only in the following There must be, first of all, a candidate who fails to commit to one. The Goldsmith refer-European single currency endum will not happen. Under the Tories at least, though Mr Blair might be more chicken, there will be

of staying out exceed the political costs of going in. It will have done this with the backing of the Parliament it controls, which will have given its authority for a referendum to test popular support for the cannot therefore be put until decision: a position that will that single issue becomes

either operating or about to operate. The Government will have decided it wants sterling to belong. The Cabinet will have made a collective deci-sion that the economic costs no general question. Such a question, curiously, might be easier to secure a Yes for. It is one of the plutocrat's head-strong bunglings that he should think otherwise. But in any event, the question will be about a single issue. It

John Major has already decided all this. He made up his

own mind to back a currency referendum some time ago, Im reliably told. The Goldsmith initiative, making demands with massive monetary menaces, has sharpened

the mind of the party ma-chine, rendering it anxious about seats that could fall to even a 3-per-cent Goldsmith-ite presence in the ballot. But this is not the illuminating point. Greater light is thrown by asking why, if Major is in favour, he's been so slow to commit himself in public. The answer talls you all you need to know about the great pal-liative almost everyone now supposes a referendum to be. supposes a referentium to be. Consider its opponents. They make a pincer-move-ment from the extremes. Michael Portillo opposed it for a long time, though he has now apparently yielded to the party managers' preference. He could see that, in the above circumstances, his side was likely to lose. Efficiently

was likely to lose. Efficiently mobilised, the popular vote would not only approve the single currency but sweep the ground from under the entire sceptic position on Europe, which depends so heavily on

Major's strategy here, as everywhere, is at almost any cost to minimise splits in his Government. Any Cabinet sceptic would face the unnt choice of resigning, or standing aside while others make the case and steal the thunder. It is a measure of the short-term thinking which now dominates all Tory politics that Mr Portillo should be

tillo saw the trap. He could see something

else. For there will be a further condition to any referen-

dum campaign, which is that the Cabinet will not be per-mitted to split. The lesson of

1975, when the formal div-

ision of the Wilson Cabinet

unleashed forces that led before long to the formation of the SDP, is that dissenters from the collective line

should be permitted no more than the luxury of silence.

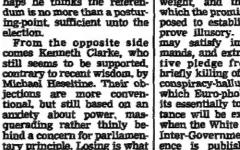
prepared to forget about these potent considerations. Per-Major's strategy is at almost any cost to minimise splits in his Government

haps he thinks the referen dum is no more than a postur ing-point, sufficient unto the

macy — and not without justi-fication. A referendum, de-spite all these objections, has become the minimum requirement for managing the party but also the validat-

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the claim to be speaking for a tary principle. Losing is what ence is published. If ever is principle, los fear. Even if well there was a nowin document, a referendum is a this will be it, enthusing no-one, griping everyone, as all wise the forces would be ing control out of the capable will say here and now.



certainly about tranferring power, and so the low ground of political necessity will come to be described as the high ground of popular legiti-*****************************

trustful days, that the people

will see it as a signal for bloody-minded perversity — and thereby, casually, destroy for ever Britain's influence in

Quite soon, I think, Mr

Clarke's objections will go the way of Mr Portillo's. Patient

grafting is the Major style The single currency may not be "constitutional" but it's

ing act without which neither party can credibly put a firm platform under a more integrationist European policy.

It is, however, an extraordiwhich the promise of it is sup-which the promise of it is supposed to establish will soon prove illusory. The promise may satisfy immediate de-mands, and extract an imitative pledge from Labour, briefly killing off some of the conspiracy-ballucinations on which Euro-phobes feed. But its essentially totemic importance will be exposed today, when the White Paper on the Inter-Governmental Confer



COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

roughly the same, and Por- | hands of ministers who can **On parade** judge the national interest in the light of their recent man date. Promising one now de-fies the elementary law of fies the elementary law of politics, which counsels against pledges disconnected with the against pledges disconnected from the time when they must **Gay Spartans** be made good. To the anti-referendum party, the very line-up of the establishment raises a panicky fear, in these mis



ger of a war zone." Tatchell's latest campaign can only be a pacifist ruse, intended to make the British military much more peaceful and pleasant for everyone.

But Tatchell is clearly unaware of the great martial tradition behind him. It was said by the Cynic philoso-phers that Alexander the Great was only defeated once: by the thighs of his lover, Hephaistion. Alexander mod-elled himself on Achilles, the

IKE the right to work down the mines, or the elled himself on Achilles, the lover of Patroclus. More recently, JR Ackerley recalled the versatility of the Guards: "A pound was the recognised tartiff for the Foot Guards then, the Horse Guards cost rather more." Alas, the MoD has shown that more of these more income the right to box for a living, the right to die on a battle-field is one some women are content to surrender. Even in peacetime, a career in the armed forces seems to offer the worst aspects of childhood

obeying orders, camping. that none of these warriors bullying, uniforms, compul-sory sport in the mud — with the additional humiliations of would be revered in today's armed forces. Indeed, accord the additional humiliations of saluting, marching, sexual frustration, sleep deprivation, carrying beavy loads and my body heat with him. I'd rather he died." Acbilles would have "an accident waiting for him when no one was looking". The one plausilong intervals of intense bore-dom. For those who volunteer for such misery, one feels only gratitude and sympathy. But why join them? Of all ble argument, put forward by the ambitions of feminism, the insistence that women, both sexes, was the need to forget physical self-consciousincluding the mothers of young children, should enjoy the right to kill and be killed ness in close, cramped quar-ters. One Wren said: "I would not feel at all comfortable unis surely the most perverse. Even now, with women allowed to fire in salf-defence, some still resent being denied the privilege of actually try-ing to kill the enemy directly, like the ferocious Amazon, or the other of the section of the section of the the provide the section of the sectio dressing in front of a girl who found the female body sexu-ally attractive." It may be irrational, but if this desire for sexual privacy were no commonplace, there would be no complaints about mixed the stroppy Boadicea. In fact wards in hospitals; no segre-the female contribution to gated changing rooms in genocide has been histori-gyms; in fact, no need for genocide has been histori-cally negligible, something separate quarters for serviceone might consider a source men and women.

of pride, not regret. The struggle for gay repre-sentation in the armed forces OMOPHOBIA in the forces deserves to be challenged, but if ser-vicemen despise gays as much as they despise women, compulsory integration is an alarming prospect, even with separate bathrooms. After the disastrous co-ed voyages of HMS Brilliant, tormented is equally puzzling. Is the op-portunity to serve alongside boorish, boozy breeders really so compelling? Is it compatible with claims of superior sensitivity? A year ago, Peter Tatchell wrote an article in this newspaper in which he called on the Gov-HMS Brilliant, tormented Wrens complained of con stant harrassment from what one described as "a largely ernment to promote homosexuality. The reason? "Life would be much more peaceful foul-mouthed and misogynis and pleasant for everyone." tic rabble". Gays abbor violence, you see: "No one ever feels endan-The answer, in the short

term, must be a regiment of gays, modelled on the crack gered by the sight of several gay men." This, presumably, would have made their preshomosexual troops of ancient Sparta. It has long been recognised that regiments fight bet ence rather a problem in the Falklands. Tatchell went furter if they have a strong espri ther. "Queers prefer to love men rather than fight them," he wrote. "It is our ratheral to Gurkhas. Similarly, the cohe-

so-called rival Nigel Demp-ster are permitted to call her) is on a tour of the States, plugging her 1993 book on royal mistresses. Although she was oddly ret-icent about Camilla in Washington on Sunday, the Princess did find her tongue when asked where the book (yet to be published in America) is available. "Ring Harrods," she said. "and give them your credit card number."

NEW heer is being ad-A vertised in the USA-Made by the Pitts-burgh Brewing Company (brewers since 1881). and featuring "six top LA mod-els" on the lables, the lowcalorie ale goes by the name of Wanker Light. According to a magazine advert, those desiring more information can write to Wanker Beer Inc at PO Box 8894, New-port Beach, CA 92658. There is no detail on initial sales figures as yet, but rumour suggests that the beer is making money hand over fist.

E began with a paragon of political consistency, and thus we must end. I am ap-palled by a vile assault on my same and rational friend Paul Johnson in the Spectator. The author is Matthew Parris — or "the Times's Sodom correspondent", as Paul so wittily calls him is monstrous. "He deserves the adjective 'famous', al-most. Paul Johnson is listened to, or, at any rate, heard," he says, preparing to unleash the middle stump yorker. "On finding, in any journal, an article by Mr.Johnson," writes Mr Parris, "one never fails to start it." Thank God Mr Partis has none of Paul's killer instinct with the putdown (who can forget Paul's Wildean genius in desceribing Michael Grade as "Britain's pornographer

THEY SAY THE LEGISLATION IS IN THE POST.

in-chief"?), or he might be a

pretty dangerous enemy.

One China too many

John Gittings argues that behind the missile-rattling in the East China Sea the fundamental territorial ambitions of both sides have never gone away

HIS TIME the can-nons which China determined to stay alive until has announced it Hong Kong is handed over will fire in the Tai-wan Straits are now be hanging on for the how be hanging on for the biggest prize of all? Or could ambitious Beijing leaders be exploiting the crisis on the pretext that Mr Deng has got loaded, and the question puzzling everyone is: why? Mao Zedong once famously told Richard Nixon not to worry

about Beljing's flery propa-ganda: it was nothing but the tired of waiting? A desire to complete the recovery of China's lost terri-tories is not just an élite consound of "empty cannons". As for Taiwan rejoining the cern, and patriotism has be-come increasingly a mainland, the Chairman come increasingly a substitute for previous ideals — like socialism. Especially added with dialectical assurance: "Let it come after 100 years." Now the military maneouvres will use live am-

since the Beijing massacre, Mr Jiang and other leaders munition the timetable has have sought to boost national speeded up alarmingly. Hong Kong, whose own jit-ters are compounded by the morale by some simple historical lessons. China has a "glorious history" of 5,000 Taiwan Straits crisis, is years and is one of the world's partly responsible. President Jiang Zemin has made it clear great countries. Hong Kong was seized by the British and that with Hong Kong (and Taiwan illegally occupied, Macao two years later) about with US connivance, by to return to the motherland, Chiang Kai-shek's National-Taiwan is next on a nowurgent agenda. China is ists in 1949 after the victory of Mao's revolution. alarmed by the firming-up of On swaying buses and trains deep in the inland Chi-

Taiwan's de-facto Independence as next week's presi-dential elections complete the nese provinces, complete formal transition to democstrangers will deliver these received truths with complete racy. But Beijing's impaconviction. But in the indistience seems to be driven by creet atmosphere which some deeper source. anonymous travel encour-ages, quite a few also offer a more hard-headed analysis of Yesterday a Hong Kong newspaper claimed that the veteran leader Deng Xiaoping

the present power game in had personally authorised a hardening of policy towards Taiwan in order to "guaran-Beijing. "When there is confusion at the centre", runs this man-or-woman-on-the-slow-train-totee" its reunification. Mr Deng, 91 last August, said

Chongqing argument, "the opened the way to "normalls-army steps in and demands ing" US-China relations, the action." The "confusion", they ar-

The "contrision", they are received to apparent valuation gue, arises from the political ing point. While Taiwanese paralysis caused by what may well be Mr Deng's medical paralysis. Chinese officials say, with deadening repeti-tion, that he is as well as can be expected for someone of his age — but how well? There were strong indica-

There were strong indica-tions last summer that top ation Army (PLA) had put on pressure to ratchet un Beit ing's reaction to the provoca-tive (though unofficial) visit of Taiwan's President Lee to the US. Then as now, Beijing Institute" in Taiwan. said it with missiles in the

East China Sea. The PLA would probably welcome the chance to show some military muscle over Taiwan: the island has been a Taiwait the istant due to the source of intense frustration for nearly 50 years. Plans to complete its "liberation" by launching an invasion force in 1950 were thwarted by the outbreak of the Korean War. The US, which had seemed to hack away from its unsucback away from its unsuc-cessful Chinese Nationalist clients, then reversed course, interposing the Seventh Fleet

in the Taiwan Straits. In 1955 and again in 1958 China stepped up pressure by bombarding the "offshore is-Miracle. lands" occupied by the Nationalists but close to the emergence of a Greater mainland. Although these two crises were labelled in harmoniously in economic the West as a threat to peace, symbiosis Hong Kong, Tai-they were never a prelude to wan, and the booming south invasion. Each was used by Chinese coast. Beijing to send a message, But the con first to the US and then to the new conflict has Soviet Union, that China should not be ignored in their superpower summitry. They in opposite directions. In were early examples of China it has become aged and "empty cannons".

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ing which had begun before the Beijing massacre. In Taiwan it has become younge and more democratic, compel-ling President Lee and the Nationalists to shade their commitment — shared previreceded to apparent vanish-ing point. While Taiwanese flocked to invest in the mothously with Beijing — to "one China". However much Beijing has

over-reacted, it was Mr Lee who disturbed the status quo by supporting the idea of dual Taiwan/Beijing representa-tion in the UN, and paying a high-profile "private" visit last year to his PhD alma-mater of Cornell University. In doing so he weakened the personal authority of Presi-dent Jiang in Beijing, who had put forward an "eightsupply military technology to the island, and to mask its relations through links such as the non-official "American had put forward an "eight-point" policy on Taiwan which was widely seen as

Asia-wide opinion was lulled more generally by the new comforting myths of the post-cold-war. At interna-tional conferences in Tokyo. more conciliatory. Four years ago Mr Lee de-nounced opposition leaders who called for Taiwanese in-Secul and Singapore, dele-gates from China, Japan, the

dependence as "pariahs who will cut themselves off from our history and culture". Now he presents his party as following a "middle path" between independence and reunification with Beijing. Even more alarming for Beij-ing, he is also obliged to ad-mit that a post-election "rapeconomic age. Issues of sover-eignty could be shelved in mutual efforts to achieve the prochement' might be new East Asian Economic

possible with the pro-indepen-This always naive view dence Democratic Progressive Party. "There is only one China,"

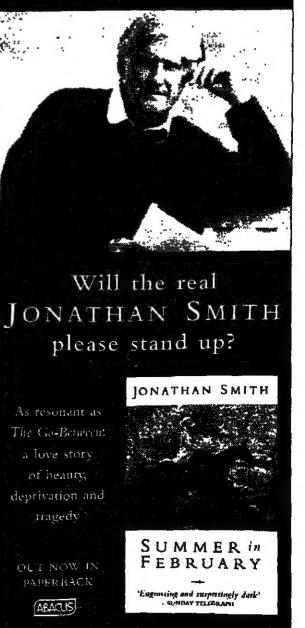
reached its peak with specula-tion about the post-Deng emergence of a Greater Richard Nixon is reputed to have mused trickily on his return from Beijing where he had signed a communiqué ac-knowledging the fact. "But we did not say which one!" The problem has subtly changed: But the conditions for a new conflict have been buildnow it is that there is only one Tsiwan — whatever it may be called. Under what-ever name, and in spite of ing up on both sides of the Straits as political life moves economic miracles, the old more authoritarian, less issues left over from history After the Nixon visit in 1972 | capable of the flexible think- | refuse to go away.

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would be an example to all. In time, their loyalty and heroism would no doubt impres Now Tatchell is in the front line, battling for gays in the military. When the MoD surments of homophobes with a vey of attitudes towards ho-mosexuality confirmed Nich-olas Soames in his mission to fight gays "every inch of the way". Tatchell was loud in his indignation: "Those heterosexual soldiers who cannot cope with showering next with the real pressure or dan- recruiting officer.

only interested in looking at straight men in uniforms. Perhaps Peter Tatchell could help muster the requisite 500 men? He may not be Alexan-der the Great, but as OutRage! to gay colleagues are proba-bly not up to the job of coping has shown, he makes a fine

YOU SAW LAST NIGHT'S WORLD IN ACTION



10 OBITUARIES

Léo Majet

Poetry of the gutter

reader as "the Dashiell Hammett of the French thriller". But Léo Malet, who has died in France aged 86, was an original writer unique in the history of the genre. Indeed, he was the inventor of the French roman noir in the 1940s, long before the inva-

sion of foreign crime-writers like Chandler and Cheyney. Even before the war, Malet

was eviscerating the foul lower depths of Paris with icy, clinical swiftness and a command of criminal argot and street slang without equal at that time.

He created a peculiar poetic realism of the gutter con-veyed so well in Jacques Tar-di's brilliant strip cartoon renderings of some of his blackest novels. He was the father of one of the great fictional detectives. Nestor in homage to his work. Burna, part-portrait of his author, with his outrageous tongue and bull-headed pipe, a character to stand beside Si-

menon's Maigret. Léo claimed he found his hero's name in Sax Rohmer-in the first of that series. Dr Petrie exclaims: "Nayland other foreign idols, David Smith, from Burma!" He Goodis and Derek Raymond, metimes claimed he had got it from the Burma Shave ads that used to clutter American motorway. I think he must have got the Nestor from Bau-

delaire's *Le Spleen de Paris.* Orphaned in Montpellier at the age of four. Malet was brought up by his grand-father, for whom he felt a profound attachment, because he taught him to love reading. At 16, already involved in the anarchist movement, he moved to Paris, where he did odd jobs. During the 1930s he was befriended by the pope of surrealism André Breton, and through him got to know the movement's posts and

ist poetry, with provocative names like Seeing no further than the end of one's Prick (1936). He also took part in the group's boisterous demonstrations and spent some nights in prison with Georges Bataille after creating a "hap-pening" that was considered a breach of the peace.

ALET began to try his hand at writing cheap thrillers, en-Vian and Raymond Queneau. Propelled by the surrealist techniques of automatic writing and free-association imagery, he found it easy to churn out potboilers that were not nounced until she had been

E WAS adulated by it had been inspired by the both intellectuals film *Carrefour*, directed by and the common Kurt Berhardt now unjustly forgotten. Figures like Philip Marlowe, Lemmy Caution and Slim Callaghan were the fictional idols of post-war Paris, but Malet's Nestor Burma had forestalled them all.

Another important depar-ture in his work was his Trilogie Noire, which contained the now cult-status story La Vie est dégueulasse (Life's a load of Shit), Sueur aux tripes (Belly Sweats) and Le Soleil n'est pas pour nous (The Sun is not for Us). At the Cannes Film Festival, Leo was watch

ing Jim Jarmusch's Stronger than Paradise and was star-tled to hear one of the characters saying he was going to see a movie called The Sun is not for Us. When Léo met Jim, the latter admitted that he had taken the title from Léo.

> HE success of these revolutionary, out-spoken thrillers was limited though in the 1960s they had a revival and have been in print ever since.

Critics compared them with revered in France under the name of Robin Cook. In 1954, after a lapse of in-terest in his hero on Malet's part, he brought Nestor

Burma back to life in an am-bitious new series called Les Nouaeaux Mystères de Paris. This was intended to be a long-running sequence of louche affairs, each set in a different district of Paris. Léo tired of it all halfway through: he had got no further than the 15th arrondissement. After 1959, he more or less stopped writing, living off the

substantial royalties from rediscovered early work and the fees from the ever-increas-ing popularity of TV versions of Nestor Burma stories, Tanguy, Dali, Magritte and Masson all illustrated his whose hero was masterfully portrayed by Guy Marchand.

Malet became something of a recluse in his suburban apartment, where his beloved ancient Underwood was never superseded by a word processor, which Léo looked upon, like all serious writers. with scorn, as a plaything for children. He grew increas-ingly morbid, and would greet visitors with "Can you hear

the sandglass running?" or "Tm done for now. You can prepare your obits". He died on the same day as Marguérite Duras, so according to French literary etiquette ladies before gentlemen — his "disappearance" (as the



Aiming high . . . Compston wanted to close the gap between art, entertainment, and retailing

Joshua Compston

Art as revolution

OSHUA Compston, who has died sud-denly, was a beguil-ing and improbable revolutionary in the art world, a perpetual who always gave the Who always gave the The always needed to be on the usual person, and an amazing who always gave the The them. He was a unique, un-usual person, and an amazing then of the always have be at the time, and the always gave the the second to be diving in the always gave the the second to be diving in the always gave the the second to be diving in the always gave the the second to be diving in the always meeded to be on the the frenetic activity was a deep sense of exhaustion and the source of the second to be diving in the always needed to be on the the frenetic activity was a deep sense of exhaustion and the source of the source of the source of the source of the the source of the sou British art world, a perpetual

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Sylvia Williams Seeing Africa in America

YLVIA WILLIAMS. Fine Arts, and the Corning , who has died aged 60. Museum of Glass. The creation of a new galwas a scholar and lery space for the Kerma exspecialist in African hibition led to the reorganiart history who, with considsation, with a new historical erable bravurs and force of focus, of the museum's works personality, transformed a of art from the kingdom of small, formerly private, mu-seum into Washington DC's Benin as the Ancient West African City Of Benin. AD 1300-1897. These exhibitions world-renowned National Museum of African Art. She responded to a growing oversaw its move from a Capitol Hill group of townhouses into the Smithsonian Institu-tion on the National Mall, where its five inaugural exhi-North American interest in African art exhibitions that dealt seriously with history. In 1994, Sylvia personally curated an important exhibi-tion of modern African art bitions opened in 1987 to glowing reviews. Sylvia was passionately committed to acquiring and presenting the best of Afri-can art, a skill she had first featuring the works of two 1 artists from the Sudan with etchings by Mohammed Omer Khalil and sculpture honed as a curator at the Brooklyn Museum. In antici-

pation of the opening of the new museum building, she acquired a private European collection of outstanding aesthetic merit, and thus laid the foundation for ongoing acquisition and exhibition programmes that reflected the diversity of sub-Saharan African cultures and visual tradition

Carefully, and with a highly selective eye, Sylvia guided her curators in the purchase of some 845 works of art during her 13 years at the museum. Her view of art, Williams... moving spirit

and of African art, was al-ways broad. She took particu-lar delight in strong sculp-ture, but she also actively promoted exhibitions that by Anir T M Nour - and authored the accompanying catalogue. Williams's achievement, as Susan Vogel, director of the promoted exhibitions that featured archaeology, pho-tography, textiles, ceramics and utilitarian arts — she personally curated the inau-gural exhibition, Objects Of Use, and worked closely with me on the later 1991 exhibi-Yale University art gallery and African art scholar noted, was to have "single." handedly changed the land-scape of African art in the T United States." Sylvia Williams leaves be T hind an exceptional legacy of <u>we</u> commitment to Africa's vi-sual traditions. a committion, The Art Of The Personal Object. This followed two intensive

years of acquiring a splendid variety of useful objects, ment to quality, to integrity, and to sensitivity in the porsuch as chairs, stool, headrests, bowls, pipes, snuff con-tainers and spoons, and beer straws. That many of these objects were from eastern and southern Africa was an added bonus in collection-building, for these areas were under-represented in North American public collections. In 1991, Sylvia began to cre-ate the framework for a more inclusive approach that would embrace the arts of northern Africa as well as the creativity embodied in the work of modern African artists. Two exhibitions were

ANTHONY OLIVER

mounted on Nubia - An-cient Nubia: Egypt's Rival In Africa, organised and circu-

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trayal of Africa through vibrant visual arts. hillp Ravenhill Sylvia Williams, museum direc- 🗺 tor and curator, born February 10, 1936; died February 27, 1996

Death Notices

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without literary merit. They were profoundly original for their time, written under a the Nazi occupation police, who incarcerated Léo in a stalag from which he was released in 1943. Malet this experience in the

writing of his first Nestor Burma mystery, *120 rue de la Gare.* It was a far cry from the outmoded classic enigma tales of Christie and Dickson | Leo Malet, writer, born March 7, Carr. He was later to say that | 1909; died March 3, 1996



Morbid humour ... Malet would greet visitors with 'Tm done for now. You can prepare your obits' BAUMANN AFMAUD

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Olive oil

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student who always gave the impression of being in a tre-mendous hurry. He was, it buried at Montparnasse. Today, a wonderful book-shop, the Bibliothèque de litmust now seem, a brilliant host of pseudo-nymns. They met with the disapproval of the rue Cardinal-Lemoine, is meteor, giving off a shower of sparks in a brief and incan-descent career. He always used to say, perhaps only half the last true resting-place of Nestor Burma and Léo Malet in jest, that he would die when he was 25. He took his enshrined in their totality along with Nick Carter, Sher-lock Holmes and Jules life after attending the open-ing of the Jean-Michel Bas-Maigret. quiat show at the Serpentine, in London, another youthful **James Kirkup**

star with a truncated projectory. A famously violent child.

from a comfortable middleclass home — his father was a judge - he travelled a wellworn route through art college to art world impresario, endlessly inventing ways of using art to subvert the world around him. He was a promiart and music events that nent and articulate promoter evoked the bizarre happenof many of today's young art-ists who have changed the ings of an earlier era. Compston would have been at home face of British art -- though it brought him no lasting advantage. Many people thought him

pushy and megalomaniac, and he was. He had a mon-strous ego and driving ambition, but he also had a fabuhis wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and cleverly staged shows across the genlous imagination. He wanted to be famous and rich. He loved to eat in expensive restaurants, though he often had to borrow the money for the fare home. But his megaloma-

If the phrase had not been already coined, he could justifiably have been described as a fun-loving revolutionary. At one stage he actually took off to join the revolution in Central America but, typically, he ran into an oligarch's daughter and teamed up with her for a while instead. As an incorrigible student at the Courtauld, he dared to sug-gest that they might exhibit contemporary art on their august and unsullied walls, giving them Gilbert and George and Damien Hirst when they would have preferred 19th-century watercolours. Later he transformed the environment of Hoxton Square by organising regular

Curry for us. she remarks,

The aromas are just inde-

they were among his most loyal supporters. The Hang-ing Picnic, which was just that, a picnic in a London get so little in return.' square with contemporary art hanging on the railings, be-came part of a memorable **Richard Gott** television film.

His chief pride was in his invention of a multi-national David Hayles writes: Joshus was an exuberant showman company that he called Facduring his student days he tual Nonsense — slogan FN: No Fun Without U. With reguhad a stall at Brick Lane mar ket selling antique radiators and other curious gimlets, and would drum up trade by lar exhortations from the managing director (himself), he planned to wage a war against contemporary capitalwalking round in leather skirt and gas mask, often to no effect. But Josh was undeism with the weapons of art.

terred, he had bigger things on his mind. He loved to HE aim, he would explain, "is to ex-ploit and eventually throw parties; I was first in-troduced to him at a new explode the gap be-tween art, advertisyear's eve celebration at his family home in Strand on the ing, entertainment, high Green, where he greeted

street retailing, and real es-tate development." FN operguests wearing his trademark white mess jacket, and later made a speech on the banks of ston would have been at home with the Futurists or with Dada. The Fete Worse Than Death was followed a year later by The Hanging Picnic, a mixture of cake and art, as he put it. He cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the saw as the cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the saw as the cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the saw as the cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the saw as the cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the saw as the cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the saw as the cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the saw as the same the same the saw as the cajoled artworks from the resource of formation and the same t the Thames to all who would listen. Legend has it be once tried to hijack the Oxford to Cambridge boat race in his tin punt. At his now infamous private views at Factual Non-

wholly impecunious. "Sometimes I give an interview." he staged shows across the gen-erational divide. He always seemed completely fearless Compston always operated as

when buttonholing the great, a one-man-band, and used to Impresario, born Ju and student friends recall say that he wanted to set an died March 5, 1996 Impresario, born June 1, 1970

revolution he sought to achieve never quite hap-pened. "I give so much," he would sometimes say, "and or so little in return."

Birthdays

****************************** Sir Antony Acland, Provost of Eton, 66; Dr Giovanni Ag-nelli. chairman of Fiat, 75; Edward Albes, playwright, 68; Raul Alfonsin, former president of Argentina, 69; Virginia Bottomley, MP, Secretary of State for National Heritage, 48; Norbert Brainin, violinist, 73; Willie Duggan, rugby footballer, 46; Anish Kapoor, artist and sculptor, 42; David Mellor, MP, former Conservative min-ister, 47; Liza Minnelli, actress and singer, 50; Patrick Procktor, painter, 60; Rod Richards, MP, minister for health and social security, Welsh Office, 48; Ralph Shapey, composer and conductor, 75; James Taylor, singer, 48; Julian Treuherz, keeper, National Museums and Galler-les on Merseyside, 49; Elizabeth Vaughan, soprano, 59; Paul Way, golfer, 33; Googie Withers, actress, 79; David Wilmot, chief constable, Greater Manchester, 53; sense, people didn't come to see the art hanging on the Andrew Young, black Ameri-can civil rights veteran, 64.

Acknowledgments

JOHNSON Devic William MillE FITSA died 'n 2nd of February 1996 Gwyneth and Marga-rst thank all lammly and briends who sent " 11 many messages of love and support and all who stiended his service and gathering on the 18th of February despite the seather conditions. Sincera trants to the Reverand " Frater Simith for a most perform service" All Town Hall staff who selated at the gathering and the Botton Co-Operatue fundations frater states also accept thunks for the donations to the Connumity Transt for Greater Manchester which smourted to over C000

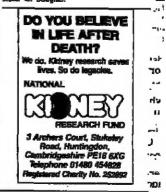
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MURPHY. ARTHUR AND ANCELA delighted to announce the birth of th desighter Alexandre on Sin March 1996.



Jackdaw



Blur, pulp, mash

I ALWAYS listen to music when I'm cooking. If it's a long, complicated recipe such as beef wellington, I listen to Steve Winwood or late Genesis at medium volume. Beef in beer has to be cooked to Bruce Hornsby's The way it is and if it's something simpler, such as rabbit stew, then it is Sting's earlier stuff at top volume. I have a treasured grey book that is my address and recipe book combined, where I list what music should be played and at what volume underneath each recipe. Camembert and filo pastry parcels.

2 sheets filo pastry per person | Delia undone 2 oz clarified butter 2 in cube of Camembert per HEGEL would, on the whole,

have approved of Delia Smith, and settled back after person Gooseberry or redcurrant a day's wrestling with the ab-Tori Amos, medium volume solute to watch eagerly what she might think to do next Marinated lamb kebabs with a cranberry. He had much to resent from other 21b leg of lamb writers on cookery ... Aesluice of one lemon thetic response, according to Hegel, leaves the object of its 2 cloves garlic delight alone, and especially leaves it where it was for others to delight in. Art's Red and green peopers pleasures are at a remove Greek yoghurt from consumption. Essentially sensuous though a work of art is, this sensuous-Daniel Lanois or U2, loud

over again to many people. Raspberry and champagne sorbet. 21b raspberries Sfl oz champagne Lemon juice 4oz caster sugar desses and members of the 2fl oz double cream The Indigo Girls, medium volroyal family. In her shows, ume, or early Suzanne Vega, medium volume deplorable in other expo-No fish fingers and East 17 for Guy Burt, young novelist, teacher and cook interviewed tastes her own food on screen. Cooking Green Thai in Harpers & Queen.

scribable, so I won't try to describe them". How wise . The calm of Delia's work expresses itself best in her overarching and point-instant grasp of time. She is so narra tive, it is surprising she hasn't been more written about . . . Demonstrating her recipe for Hung Shao pork, she says "and then" 17 times in the few minutes she needs to show us how ("and then the ginger. and then the spring onions, and then"). She continues to mark time. like a pianoteacher, quite as firmly in her books. Her recipes do not just ness vields itself up over and begin, they tell you they are beginning: "Begin by cutting maintains itself in real indethe pumpkin in half"; "Start pendence of any individual's off by placing the haddock rapture or excitation ... Depieces in a large saucepan" lia and her cooking transcend And she stays with you all the sensuous immediacy, as do way, ticking off the instruc-(in various ways) marble godtions — "First of all . . . When ...Now...Next...Then... Next...Now...Then... Then...Now..."—until we she eschews the pandering to the audience's taste buds so arrive together at a "Finally ..." No other cookery writer nents of the edible. She never beating its wings over you at every step.

Eric Griffiths examines the aesthetics of the senses in He gel's Winter Collection, pub-lished in the TLS.

Soap opera

Dear Maid Please do not leave any more of those little bars of soap in my bathroom since I have brought my own bath-sized Dial. Please remove the six unopened little bars from the shelf under the medicine chest and another three in the

shower soap dish. Thank you, S Berman.

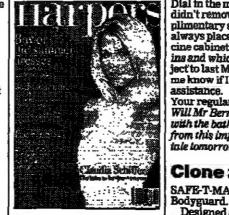
Dear Room 635, I am not your regular maid. She will be back tomorrow, Thursday, from her day off. I took the three hotel soaps out of the shower soap dish as you requested. The six bars on your shelf I took out of your way and put on top of your Kleenex dispenser in case you should change your mind. This leaves only the three bars I left today: My instructions from the manageso resembles a guardian angel, | ment are to leave three daily. I hope this is satisfactory. Kathy, Relief Maid.

Dear Maid — I hope you are my regular maid. Apparently Kathy did not tell you about my note to her concerning the little bars of soap. When I got back to my room this evening I found you had added three little Camays to the shelf under my medicine cabinet. I un going to be here in the hotel for two weeks and have brought my own bath-size Dial so I won't need those six little Camays which are on

walls, they came to see Josh.

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Joshua Compston,



Vital ingredient H&O

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the shelf. They are in my way when shaving, brushing teeth, etc. Please remove them. S Rerman.

Dear Mr Berman, My day off was last Wed so the relief maid left three hotel soaps, which we are in-structed by the management. I took the six soaps, which were in your way on the shelf, and put them in the soap dish where your Dial was. I put the Dial in the medicine cabinet. I didn't remove the three com-

plimentary soaps which are always placed inside the medibinet for all new checkcine ca ins and which you did not ob-ject to last Monday. Please, let me know if I can be of further assistance. Your regular maid, Dotty Will Mr Berman get his way

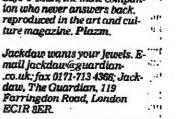
with the bath-sized Dial? More from this improbable e-mail tale lomorrow.



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simulated male that appears ³⁹⁶ to be 1801bs and 6ft tall, to give." others the impression that you have the protection of a : 10 male guardian with you while at home, alone, or driving in your car. This unique security product looks in credibly real, with movable later head and hands, and airbrushed facial highlights. Made of soft fabric polyfibre, he weighs less than 10lbs. Dress him according to your own style (clothing not included); the optional button on legs complete with a total visual effect, if desired. Light Skin/Blonde Hair Man Light Skin/Gray Hair Man Dark Skin/Dark Hair Man From an advertisement for Safe-T-Man, the male companion who never answers back. reproduced in the art and culture magazine, Plazm.



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Notebook

German bank chief offers rates hope

All ye faithful ... dealers during frantic trading on exchange London's Liffe yesterday

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in a state of high tension last night, despite having fears of another rout on Wall Street dispelled and regardless of a comforting statement from Hans Tietmayer, Bundesbank president, indicating that there was still room for interest rate cuts across Europe. London's financial markets suffered a day of extreme vol-atility. Traders in the bond and equity market struggled 37.50

HE CITY remained

in the US. However, a rebound in share prices in New York once trading resumed yester-day quickly fed through to noon. Earlier, the Hang Seng index crashed 7.3 per cent --FTSE-100 From 28/2/96 - 11/3/96 daily <u>37.70</u>

market. Investors there were reacting to the deterioration of relations between China and Taiwan as well as events to the terioration leaving this key indicator at 3674.5. On Wall Street, the to take into account the new interest rate environment." Hopes of a further easing by the Federal Reserve when its content of the terioration and Taiwan as well as events policy committee meets on March 36 have been Dow Jones recovered 86 points to 5556 by mid-afterabundoned

last week's US jobless figures

The bond market was dedown 820 points at 10,397. In London, the price of gilt-edged stock also steadied. luding itself on a weak econo

Analysis noted that there was no rush to sell by private Dow Jones From 28/2/96 - 11/3/96 daily investors — a, key factor which contributed signifi-cantly to the 1967 stock market crash. But Wall Street strategists still suspect that

my and further Fed easing," said Peter Canelo of NatWest Securities. He pointed to other signs of strength preceding February's unemploy-ment data, including strong

factory orders, retail sales and consumer confidence. There was further evidence of economic strength in the US yesterday, with house sales up 4.2 per cent in Janu-ary. Analysts had been look-ing for a 4.5 per cent drop. Other figures keenly awaited this week include consumer

Lloyd's to back their under

writing — as well as having to pay up to £100,000 extra. "Lloyd's knows it has to im-

prove this," he said. Several Names immedi-

ately pledged to continue

Another Name, who also

prices, industrial production 11.20 and capacity utilisation. In Europe, Mr Tienneye

countries, there may be further room for small interest rate reductions, dependent on further examination of economic conditions."

"It is very important to be cautious," he added. "One should not create any infla-tionary expectations."

Hang Seng From 28/2/96 - 11/3/96 daily

Road to ruin for Richard

just a case

of bad timing

Richard Platts was quite stances. His indicative state-ment from Lloyd's — four

have to pay another £100,000 to draw a final line under his

dealings with the scandal-rid-

den insurance market, writes



Not quite time for bomb shelter yet

> \$17.2 billion (£11,2 billion), making Mr Buffett the richest person in the United States.

As the highest priced share on the New York exchange, Berkshire Hathaway does not tend to move very much. But that is about to change.

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When it made its results statement, the company dis-closed that it will soon be offering a new class of shares worth one-thirtieth of the current value. Until now Mr Buffett has steadfastly refused to offer scrip issues or split the shares because of concern about attracting speculators:

he only welcomes long-term holders. But proposals by an enterprising Boston-based fund manager to launch a Berkshire Hathaway mutual fund, offering access to all in-vestors, has spurred Mr Buffett to come up with his own scheme.

While others might prefer cash to paper at present, Mr Buffett, who never willingly sells a share, has declined the cash offer for his 20 million shares in ABC/Capital Cities (one of his best performing buys) and decided to take Disney shares instead. Thus the unobtrusive investor is now the biggest shareholder by far in two American Icons: Coca Cola and Disney. That really is brand commitment.

Major promises

OHN Major was right to emphasise the impor-tance to the economy of strong and growing small-and medium-sized businesses and to acknowledge the sector's role in creating jobs. "They are crucial to the future of the UK," he told the Your Business Matters conference.

The Prime Minister was also right to note that removing unnecessary shackles from business should not mean a complete laisser faire approach — that where Gov-ernment could help, it should.

remembering that President Clinton had already halved The promised bonfire of red tape should, indeed, be used

Edited by Alex Brummer WHONG KONG, where there is the small mat-ter of war over Talwan to contend with, the global equity markets did not go through a Black Monday after Wall Street's grey Friday, March 1996 is not October

1987, whatever much of the weekend analysis may have said. As no less a figure than the Bundesbank president, Hans Tietmeyer, observed yesterday, emerging from the central bankers club in Basle, underlying conditions are

healthy worldwide." Certainly there has been a speculative bubble in New York this year, particularly in technology shares — and, latterly, as consumer spend-ing has come alive, in retail shares. But the divisive eco-nomic issues of 1967, which were part of the psychology of the crash, no longer persist. In 1987, the US and Germany

were at each other's throats were at each other's interest over interest rate levels. Now, monetary policy on both sides of the Atlantic is reasonably relared, in keeping with a fairly dormant inflation out-look. Indeed, as Dr Tieimeyer word there may be proon for noted, there may be room for noted, mere may be room for further monetary easing among G10 countries, without damaging inflation. Similarly, budgetary battles are not the irritant they were in 1987. The US, forced by the conflict, between Congress and White House, has put it-self into a halanced budget

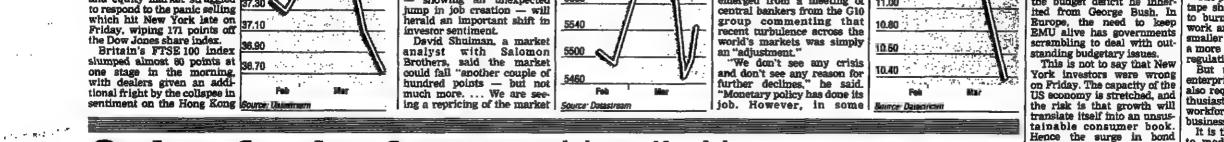
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not bomb shelter time.

Buffett brands

Sarah Ryle



Orders famine forces factories to cut prices

Larry Elliott Economics Editor

DEARTH of demand is forcing Britain's manu-facturers to cut production and rein back on price increases, according to gov-ernment figures released yesterday.

Data from the Central Statistical Office showed that fac-tory output in the latest quarter fell more sharply than at any time since the recession. while the annual growth rate in underlying factory gate prices fell for the fifth successive month. City analysts said the down-

bear message from industry vindicated last Friday's quar-ter-point cut in base rates, adding that any improvement would depend on the gloom infing in Britain's main Euro-pean markets and on stronger consumer demand at home.

compensate for the 0.8 per

come off the boil following ; in spring 1990, and has inbuoyant trading conditions over the Christmas period. creased by only 5 per cent in the 22 years since the miniboom in the wake of the three-Annual sales growth in

retailing stood at 3.6 per cent in February, down from 4.1 per cent in January and day week. Officials believe the current trend is flat, giving credence to the City's view that firms are meeting demand from 4.3 per cent in December, the BRC says today. Andrew Septance. the BRC's chief economic adstocks rather than new pro-

duction. viser, said: 'The retail sales recovery lost a little momen-tum in February, though the Prices charged at factory gates rose by just 0.2 per cent last month, a smaller increase underlying growth rate remains steady. The interest rate reduction we saw last than in February 1995. The annual rate fell from 3.8 per cent to 3.7 per cent, while the week should help to counter any consumer hesitancy and underlying rate - excluding food, drink, tobacco and peappears fully justified in the light of these figures." According to the CSO's troleum products - slipped from 3.6 to 3.5 per cent. One bonus for manufactur-

Under Allied's plan, at least

be added to the 333-strong

said Wacky Warehouse -

where parents will be barred

- would be staffed by quali

Pauline Springett

REBEL Names at Lloyd's of London threatened yesterday to light to the bitter end in their battle over the multibillion-pound losses as doormats.

One bonus for manufactur-ers is that the reduction in global growth is feeding through into lower commod-ity prices, reducing indus-try's bills for fuel and raw ma-taviale

will be posted in May, with both sides braced for some tough negotiating in the next couple of months.

Christopher Stockwell. chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations' Work-

overwhelming response of Names who had contacted him was one of horror. Many would lose their en-tire funds - the amount they have to deposit at furious."

Santer seeks £700m ministerial bypass which will also carry Wacky Warehouse areas. Mr Grant

from more than £700 million (John Palmer In Brunnalin savings in the farm budget.

Speaking after a meeting of EU finance ministers, Mr **MACQUES Santer, presi**dent of the European Santer said the decision to block the transfer flew in the Commission, is going over the heads of European Union face of appeals by heads of finance ministers with a plan to switch spending from government for faster action on infrastructure investment. agriculture to transport and The commission says the

transport projects will boost energy. The finance ministers are competitiveness and jobs. threatening to block an BC Mr Santer said: "I intend yesterday in insisting the plan to find extra cash for trans-European networks opportunity — at the Turin national governments.

Pouline Springett. "I fully expected it. I can't pay any of it. It's an interesting bit of paper," said Mr Platts, a former economics lecturer now in his sixties. Mr Platts joined Lloyd's in 1986 — when he had assets of 2250,000 — just after the mar-ket had notched up a series of record profits. His timing

proved catastrophic. In 1987 he made a profit of

around £20,000, a sum swiftly swallowed up by his 1988 lose of £100,000. After that the losses mush-

roomed. They now total nearly £2 million and his original £250,000 has long gone.

summit later this month - to

raise the issue again with EU

heads of government. If they decide to confirm the position

taken by the finance minis-

ters then at least we will

He will now attempt to ne gotiate a reduced final bill. The first stage will be to apply for extra debt relief. To qual-ify, he will have to submit himself to a means test. ing crisis levels. The package would include

That is not a prospect many Names relish, but Mr Platts, a £3.50 hourly minimum wage as well as lower taxes for poorly paid jobs and a new benefits system so that wage who now works for the Gooda Walker action group, has lost so much money he says he no gains were not cancelled out by reduction in state longer cares.

to burn away excess paperwork and make it easier for smaller firms to comply with a more straightforward set of

But making the UK the enterprise centre of Europe also requires the full and enthusiastic participation of the workforce in small and other

It is the Government's role Hence the surge in bond yields. That may justify fur-ther correction and consolida-tion on Wall Street, but it is to mediate competing demands from different interest groups in society — from em-ployers who demand fewer regulations and from workers who demand the right to be treated fairly and with

Much of what small firms are telling Government is reasonable and sensible, par-THE Dow Jones may go up and down like a yo-yo. but the shares of Berkticularly on the vexed issue of shire Hathaway, the investlate payment. But it is also ment vehicle of legendary in-vestor Warren Buffett, reasonable for their staff to enjoy basic employment remain as a steady as a rock

rights. That Conservative politiat \$37,000 a piece. At first glance the performance of the cians are, at the moment, desperate to secure the business votes which drifted away durcompany in 1995 looks less than impressive, with earnings down 1 per cent. But Buf-fett followers, like the master ing the recession should not mean that the smaller firms himself, are not interested in lobby has its demands acephermeral gains. Far more important to them is sharecepted automatically. This is no more acceptable than a holder equity which last year policy conveyor belt from climbed by 45 per cent to trade unions to Labour.

Experts urge 'back to work' plan to beat benefits trap

spending in the current climate. But without it we will just see an increasing crisis. Ato get the jobless back to He said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, work was unveiled today by employment experts who said could leave the basic tax rate where it is and target any cuts at the bottom end of the the number of people caught in the benefits trap is reach-

jobs market. One in five homes were without a wage earner in 1994 (the most recent year for which full data is available) compared with 8 per cent in 1979. Three out of every five entry jobs are part-time or temporary.

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As the number of homes dependent on benefits has risen to one in five, more unemployed people have found they lose more than they gain by working, research by the Employment Policy Institute showed. The type of work on offer - known as entry jobs - has become less secure and less well-paid.

know where the responsibility for lack of progress will years and would boost the Chancellor Kenneth Clarke basic rate of tax to at least 27p. "The benefits trap is very real," said Nick Isles, director joined ministers from France. Germany and the Netherlands yesterday in insisting that any of the EPL "It is an expensive underspend be returned to scheme and no politician is going to commit to this sort of

KipperWilliams WAGE RAGE But the scheme would have to be phased in over three

sure, said family pubs had been growing in popularity for several years, but started to reap the benefits." **D**RINKS group Allied Do-mecq yesterday set out to received an extra boost with all-day Sunday opening last | 100 more Big Steak pubs will boost its share of the lucrative family pubs market, with year. a £150 million refurbishment programme, and a pledge to local authorities were now create at least 7,500 full and starting to accept more part time jobs.

and Wacky Warehouse childrens play areas. The investment, one of the

lan King

biggest in a single year by a drinks company, comes at a time when pub operators are falling over themselves to at react families. Martin Grant, managing di-

In addition, Mr Grant said chain by Christmas, most of readily the conversion of non-Allied, at the centre of de pub buildings, such as cha-merger rumours since last pels and libraries. month's profits warning, un-veiled an expansion of its eral approach is allowing pub ings would be made of every family-based Big Steak Pub chains to operate on a more person entering.

Allied Domecq pins hopes on family pubs

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data. UK manufacturing pro-duction was 0.6 per cent lower in the three months to Janu-ary than in the previous quarter. A 0.3 per cent increase in try's bill output in January failed to terials.

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However, the latest snap-shot of high street activity from the British Retail Con-sortium shows spending has achieved before the recession cent.

fighting for damages for their losses through the courts. If they accept the offer, they will have to abandon litigation. One, final bills dropped on their They warned that they would reject the market's £2.8 billion settlement deal who asked not to be identi-fied, said he had already unless the indicative offers paid £660,000 and was they received in the morn-ing's post were improved being asked for a further £100,000, as well as his significantly. Lloyd's, which has lost around £11 billion, mailed £60.000 of funds at Lloyd's. He said he would get a better deal through the courts "I'm quite sure this will be individual settlement given a large raspberry by the Names."

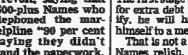
Lloyd's Names

'will fight on'

requested anonymity, said the offer would have to be improved by 60 per cent if it was to be more attractive

ing Party, said that the

A Lloyd's spokesman tried to quell fears of widespread revolt, saying that of the 500-plus Names who had telephoned the market's helpline "90 per cent



than litigation. "This is a waste of paper, a complete insult." she said.

12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Groups welcome red tape promise

Lang says no cabinet split on employment rights but changes 'not ruled out'

We will pay bills on time, **Major tells small firms**

Cella Weston Enterprise Edito

HE Government renewed its bid to secure the small-business vote yesterday when the Prime Minister pledged to step up the attack on red tape and take action on late payment, notably by government departments.

In a speech to the Your business Matters conference, Mr Major announced a series of measures to simplify business registration and tax inspections as well as to tackle

late payment. Further measures were promised for the third com-

promised for the third com-petitiveness white paper, due to be published in early June. The Government left open the question of whether firms employing fewer than 25 em-ployees would be exempt from employment protection legislation, following last week's row between the Trade and Industry Secre-tary, Ian Lang, and Michael Heseltine, deputy prime ministe

Mr Lang said later that there were no serious differ-ences in the Government on Treasury the issue but refused to rule Trade and out future changes in employment legislation. The Prime Minister prom-ODA (Ove Social Se ised that government depart-National 1 ments — some recently exposed by the Labour Party as Home Off

chronic late payers -- would set an example on payment of Foreign O N Ireland commercial debt, an issue close to many small business Education Weish Off people's hearts. He said: "It is simply not acceptable that the Govern-Scotlish C

Detence ment should be a late-pay-ment culprit. I intend to in-Environm Note: Figures struct all departments to pay promptly, and to ensure they services on ment is spe

News in brief

ment departments payment performance — not their aspi-Major said. should take steps to generate rations, but the record of what they actually achieve." embarrassment amongst those who wilfully and con-Local authorities would tinually pay late." also come under scrutiny, A further consultation and if they did not agree volwould be held on whether all untarily to publish payment private sector companies league tables, the Governshould be legally required to

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Parliamentary answers depict Whitehall farce on billing issue

WHITEHALL'S worst have already been named by the Government in a for the situation or the tor the situation or the knowledge of their own reseries of Parliamentary cord of late bill payments. answers to Barbara Roche, Labour's small business spokeswoman, it was dis-Mrs Roche said vesterday: "It is extraordinary that the Prime Minister is closed last night, writes promising now to publish David Hencke. Ministers have also said that in many cases they do the information when individual ministries released not know how much money has been paid late, while the 1994 figures to me months ago

Government's worst bill payers

Ministry	Percentage paid 80 days late or more	Sums
Treasury	25.0	£1,6m
Trade and industry	16.0	£311m
MAFF (Agriculture)	14.59*	Not Known
ODA (Overseas Dev)	13.0	£65.356m
Social Security	10.5	£1.9m
National Heritage	9.4	£0.753m
Health	8.1	£11.34m
Home Office	8.0	£23.2 m
Foreign Office	7.5	Not known
Nireland	5.3	Not Known
Education/Employment	0.6	£75m
Weish Office	5.0	Not Known
Scotlish Office	4.0	Not Known
Defence	0.001	Not Known
Environment	Not known	Not known
Note: Figures for DTI, Home Office, services only. No Information abou ment is spending millions on a cou	t other contract bills. The Deper	tment of the Environ

do, we will publish each year | ment would consider forcing | publish details of their pay-a league table of all govern- | them to do so by law. Mr | ment performance, as well as them to do so by law, Mr Major said. "I believe we their policies.

Small-firm pressure groups welcomed specific measures announced by Mr Major and other ministers that, from next month, new businesses would be able to register through a single form for income tax, national insurance and Value Added Tax.

Enforcement of regulations would also be simplified, with business owners and managers given the right to challenge inspectors and appeal against any judgement.

The Prime Minister said: "Small businesses are not some minority interest, they are the backbone of our econ-omy and the main source of future jobs." Relief of burdens on smaller companies included the eventual abolition of capital gains and inheritance tax, reform of the business rate system and slashing central bureaucracy.

 A survey by C4 Consulting shows that the average NHS trust pays only 58 per cent of bills within 30 days. By value, it pays 69.6 per cent of debts within 30 days, indicating that small service providers are the ones squeezed, writes David Brindle,

Trusts are supposedly obliged to meet the 30-day CBI prompt payment code, under the 1994 circular FDL(94)74. The worst performing trust settled only 6.2 per cent of bills within 30 days. On an index combining volume and value, the worst two settled 9.6 per cent (Greenwich Healthcare Land Healthcare, London, and the Cardiothoracic Centre, Liverpool). Three trusts settled 100 er cent — Avon Ambulance Northgate and Prudhoe in Northumberland, and Parkside in London.



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Small is beautiful . . . Ian Lang at the conference, with public service minister Roger Freeman PHOTOGR

Tax hike would damage oil Costain warning shows production, warns industry builders are still in pain

Chris Navie

equipment, was sold yesterday by BTR, the industrial conglon erate, to a management buy-out team for \$330 million. Dunlop HE oil industry deliv-

HE oil industry denv-ered a stark warning yesterday that higher taxes would damage off-shore investment and pro-duction of oil and gas COSCI VES. Predicting that the UK

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"most potent and damaging lever" available to government was change to the fis-

concern in the industry | tion will continue to excee that an incoming govern-ment would tighten the tax consumption for at least 10 years, and that there are reserves to sustain "signifi-cant levels" of production Unveiling the industry's

25-year projection of oil and gas reserves, Dr for at least another 20 years. It goes further than studies in 1984 and 1989 Hughes added that the which forecast self-sufficiency only until the end of the century.

would be self-sufficient in cal regime. He warned that the industry was less able ing a peak, expected in less, Dr Harold Hughes, di-to respond flexibly to tax 1996/1997 at 2.9 million is 1995/results were likely to the building materials com-the building materials com-the building to tax 1996/1997 at 2.9 million is 1996/1997 at 2.9 million is 1995/results were likely to the building materials com-the building materials com-the building to tax 1996/1997 at 2.9 million is 1995/results were likely to the building materials com-the building materials com-the building materials com-the building to tax 1996/1997 at 2.9 million is 1995/results were likely to the building materials com-the building materials coms elbo arrels a day, b ing slowly to I million bar-rels a day. Gas production is capable of peaking at over 10,000 million cubic feet a day by 2000, provided there is sufficient demand from power stations or exports through the interconnector pipe-line. Gas production will then fail to 4,000 million

Tony May

OSTAIN led a chorus of pain from the construc-tion industry yester-day, underlining the fragility of any recovery in the homes market

Shares in the engineering, construction and mining nel and is also suffering in its

Kuwaiti construction com- | Higham said he hoped to pany, had built a 19 per cent stake — had pushed the raise more than £40 million from the sale of the metal building products division

group's shares up to a five-month high of 91p on Friday. Costain, which suspended dividend payments in 1992, is • The Redrow housebuilding group's interim profits were down from £16.3 million to struggling to recover from £12.1 million, but chairman debt associated with its part in building the Channel Tun-Steve Morgan believed that the worst of the housing recession was over. ● Cala housebuilding group's

interim profits dropped from

Colorvision up for sale

COLORVISION, the Liverpool-based electrical retailer told by the Office of Fair Trading in January that its consumer credit li-cences were being revoked, said yesterday it was prepared to be

Buy-out team nets

Duniop Slazenger DUNLOP Slazenger, one of the most famous names in sports

Siazenger, best known for its golf, tennis, squash and badmin-ton equipment, makes 100 million golf balls and 60 million tannis balls each year, and employs 2,900 staff worldwide. Announcing the sale, BTR's chief executive, Ian Strachan,

said the proceeds would be used to reduce BTR's debts and

finance acquisitions. He added: "This disposal is in line with the company's stated strategy of focusing on its core industrial manufacturing and engineering businesses."

The buy-out team has been backed by the venture capitalist CINVen. — Ian King

taken over if that would preserve the jobs of 750 employees. The board, which controls 65 per cent of the shares, is looking for "a company, or parties" which could bring it "additional strength". It also delivered a profits warning. The news sent the shares down 11 per cent to 23p. This cut the group's stock market value to \$4.7 million, against 29.9 million before the ban was mooted last October.

The ban, which will not be enforced until the group's appeal has been heard, was imposed after it admitted 20 offences committed since 1984. The ban would effectively wipe out half of its business. Alan Tinger, managing director, said sales since January, exclud-ing satellite systems, were down 29 per cent and a significant improvement was unlikely until the issue of the licences had been resolved. — Tony May

Green shoots for Triodos

LAST year's takeover of Mercury Provident helped Triodos Bank, the Dutch ethical operator, grow its balance sheet by 35 per cent. That follows 25 per cent growth in 1994, to leave total assets of £125 million. The bank lends only to social and environmental projects in areas such as the arts, social housing, sustainable

transport and organic food production. As well as its UK operation, now based in Bristol, Triodos bas a business in Belgium. The group's net profits grew by 27 per cent to £262,000. The UK managing director, Glen Saunders, said: "Now that Triodos Bank is established here we expect the UK to make a significant contribution." — Roger Cowe

Generators under scrutiny

STEPHEN Littlechild, the electricity industry watchdog, is to consider the need for an independent inspect rate to monitor power stations, as part of his review of price caps imposed on the National Grid

A spokeswoman at his Office of Electricity Regulation confirmed that, as reported in the Guardian yesterday, its regional consumer committees had suggested inspectors should be em-ployed to check up on power generators with a view to halting potential abuse of the trading system and manipulation of electricity prices. Professor Littlechild is to report on the Grid's price caps in the summer. — Chris Barrie

Rolls joins US military pact

AERO-ENGINE company Rolls-Royce is to collaborate with Gen-eral Electric of the US in the development of engines for military aircraft. Rolls, its American subsidiary Allison and GE will develop two new engines in an attempt to win orders from the Joint Advanced Strike Technology programme for 3,000 fighters in the US and UK.

Under the current agreement GE acts as systems integrator, but the firms expect to draw up fresh contracts in future years. Rolls said the work would complement its development of engines for European combat aircraft. — *Chris Barrie*

SeaPerfect accepts bid

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SEAPERFECT, the troubled scallops and clams producer which came to market in November 1994, said yesterday that it had conditionally accepted an offer for the company from Carlos Celle, its largest shareholder.

SeaPerfect, which also announced a pre-tax loss of £17.2 million for 1995, against a loss of just £971,000 in 1994, said that if shareholder approval were not received for the sale, it would have no alternative but to go into liquidation. SeaPerfect, which has not made a profit since flotation, ran into

trouble when scallops at its farm in Chile started dying unexpectedly. The group's Chilean bankers pulled the plug, and the company asked for its shares, which were floated at 120p each, to be suspended at 71p. — *Ian King* Offshore Operators Associ-ation, said that fiscal room" than in the past and it was developing smaller offshore fields on a tighter changes had sometimes been made overnight withcost structure. out being thought through. He was sending "signals to governments of what-He rejected suggestions that much of the industry's tax and royalty payments

ever colour," calling on them to avoid "unfortunate to dats — had been offset by steps which would damage special allowances. the longevity of this indus-try." His remarks follow gests that UK oil produc- cubic feet in 2020. fall "some way be expectations.

As the City was expecting losses of between £16 million and £20 million, analysts were left wondering just how

bad things could be. Some believed that the best hope for investors was for the the trigger for the warning was that bid speculation — after reorganisation charges. an en following word that Kharfi, a Group chairman Geoffrey year.

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pany, said it would axe at least 200 jobs in the next few Chairman Geourey Ballman said an improvement in volyears under a restructuring programme. Rugby managing director. Pat Jackson, said the jobs would go at the existumes was likely during 1996 but added: "We have seen false dawns before.

Persimmon chairman Duning Rugby cement plant once a new, modern facility comes on stream in 1998. can Davidson reported that sales in 1995 were 10 per cent below target and profits down from £24 million to £22.7 mlllion. He said there had been an encouraging start to the

Superstore might takes its toll on Sketchley

OUTLOOK/ The dry-cleaning group,

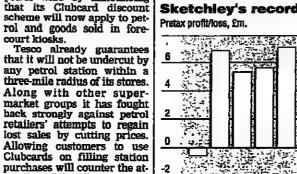
other competitors' stores. while Sainsbury will not have unable to beat its powerful competitors, is other cleaners in its pre-mises. While this is good

oining one of them, reports Roger Cowe

RY CLEANING group Sketchley yesterday announced a tranche of from the same general probstore closures along with its lem — that, over the years, latest disappointing financial more and more shopping traf-results. The troubled group fic has been diverted to the revealed an exclusive deal with supermarket chain superstores. As chairman David Davies

Sainsbury — emphasising the superstores' power and the difficulties, even for high street retail chains, of comput it yesterday: "There has been a major change in shopping habits, with the consumer looking for a one-shop location, ease of parking and longer opening hours. The Sketchley retail portfolio has peting against them. Just to ram the message home, Sainsbury's arch com-

petitor Tesco intensified the petrol wars by announcing **Sketchley's record**



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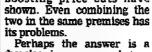
loyalty and discount schemes The supermarket groups Source: Datastream have a huge advantage over oil companies. It is not size, not reflected this change in since the oil corporations are consumer some of the biggest in the patterns." world and have much larger Unfortunately there isn't much that Sketchley — and other High Street chains filling station networks. It is the concentration of customers --- the steady flow of shopcan do about it. But Mr pers. That means much Davies said the exclusive deal greater sales per site than any oil company can contemplate. with Sainsbury gave Sketch-ley the opportunity to open

news — a pleasant change for Sketchley — it is insubstan-tial. The chain has 27 clean-ing units and seven SupaSnaps branches in Sainsbury supermarkets. That can only expand at about 15 per year, given the supermarket opening programme. More substantial was yesterday's announcement of 160

closures, reducing the main chain to 550 shops. That will cost 500 jobs and £6.5 million in cash, plus £1 million in asset write-offs. And it will eliminate losses of £2.5 milagainst this year's profits will result in another dip in the results after two years of

growth. Even after these closures, however, it will still be hard to grind out profits from dry ◆ 11 hrs standby-time Complete with super-slim cleaning - a business which is difficult to brand, and open to competition from numerous small operators who have Weight approx 195g

lower costs and are prepared to accept lower profit levels than a public company. In the 1980s Sketchley attempted to escape this dilemma by becoming a conglomerate, but that proved fruitless and was reversed. Then, a couple of years ago, it bought SupaSnaps from Dixons. But photo-processing change in is just as competitive a busi-spending ness, as the latest volumeboosting price cuts have shown. Even combining the



dry-cleaning supermarket 15,000 square feet of machines in an acre of parking space. Sketchley is in a slightly units in new Sainsbury Or perhaps not. Even if it was different situation, since the stores. Sketchley will not called Sainsbury it would be supermarkets do not compete | renew its leases in Asda and | unlikely to pack them in.



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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL Alderbrook to take second step up the ladder of fame

Chris Hawkins sees little danger to the title holder in today's Champion Hurdle

LDERBROOK is not | dom Cry. That would suggest yet talked about in the same breath as Persian War, Night Nurse or Bula, but a second successive Smurfit Champion Hurdle victory at Cheltenham today would surely put him up a rung or two in the postwar order of merit.

. He is a fast, natural jumper with a fine turn of speed and, with rain forecast, conditions should be ideal for him this afternoon. In these circumstances, it is hard to see him being beaten.

One of the reasons Alderbrook is not yet regarded as one of the greats is that his races over timber have been few and far between and this will be only his fourth outing in two seasons He won both last year, cul-

minating in a five-lengths romp in the Champion, and proved his well-being with an apparently effortless win over Mack The Knife at Kempton last month on his reappearance.

It is not just over hurdles that he has made his mark, however, and on the Flat he has put up some pretty high class performances, most no-tably last summer at Baden Baden when failing by threequarters of a length to give 2lb to the subsequent Arc de Triomphe runner-up Free-

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of his trainer Tom Foley ("I sort of make it up as 1 go along like") have conjured an incredible recovery. Danoli finished third on his he is one of the best dual-pur-poses horses we have seen for reappearance, beaten only a head and half a length by Col-lier Bay and Hotel Minella in some time, and his opponents at the winter game know all about it - none of them has the Irish Champion at Leo-

pardstown in January and has since trotted up in a little yet managed to get him off the bit. They live in hope, of course, race at Gowran Park, Hotel Minella was said to hate the soft ground at Leo-pardstown and there is confi-dence in the Aidan O'Brien and a mistake or two might bring him down to the level of an ordinary honest toiler. It may be offensive, even heretical, to call a horse like Danoli a mere toiler for he is camp that he will reverse the form now.

regarded, quite rightly, as a national hero in Ireland, O'Brien, who trained a stag-gering 242 winners last year, is only 26 and already has a revered almost as much as the mighty Arkle. That he is in the line-up reputation for being a genius. Hotel Minella is nine and has this afternoon is something of a miracle. After finishing a reputation for being tal-ented but a tricky ride. third to Alderbrook here last Charlie Swan will try and

hold him up for as long as possible and the race could season (beaten seven lengths) he broke a leg at Aintree and it appeared that his career. and maybe even his life, was develop into a sprint up the hill with Alderbrook. over. Land Afar has twice prom

One for racegoers to avoid

THOSE going to Chelten-ham by road via the M4 breakfast on the outward cluding Hamlet Cigars Gold and Cirencester are journey and Pullman din-Card Handicap Hurdle, but strongly advised to avoid the extensive roadworks on the A435 at Colesbourne. It's too late for rail trav-ellers to book the £133 9.50am special from Pad-

cial stage and I nominate him as the best outsider, but Al-derbrook (3.30) to beat Hotel Minella seems the most likely The Pestival opens with the 28-runner Citreon Supreme Novices Hurdle in which Ki-

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manicky (2.25) is taken to confirm the big impression he created at Kempton last time when hardly coming off the bridle.

The going then was heavy and he is reckoned by his trainer to be twice the horse on decent ground.

race only to keel over at a cru-

The runaway Draborgie is the one they have to beat in the Guinness Arkle Trophy, but the mare has had a slight setback recently and Arctic Kinsman (2.50) could repre-Kinsman (2.50) could repre-sent better value. He easily won the Supreme Novices Hurdle two seasons ago and is on the upgrade as a fencer. Best bet of the day looks to be Unguided Missile (4.05), who is napped to win the Ritz Obace White supressident

Chase. This ultra-consistent chaser handles any going, is a fast timer and won over the course and distance earlier in the season.

On paper, the toughest event of the day is the conner on the return trip. But there are still direct trains leaving at 9.03 (arr. 10.49) tenham track and has a 5lb and 10.40 (arr. 12.30). Special trains return at 6.40pm. 7.35 and 8.50. pull for a five-lengths beating by Pleasure Seeker at Chep-stow last time.



Just champion . . . Alderbrook defends his crown at Cheltenham today

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Big race field Channel 4 **Rest of the Cheltenham runners and riders**

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Soccer

Wright is off target

Martin Thorpe on

a striker who protests too much

AN WRIGHT is a great striker because he hits the target so often. But one wonders whether the reasons he gave for his weekend transfer request were as accurate as his shooting. Certainly they have led to nowsnaper speculation that one Sunday newspaper.

newspaper speculation that the Wright Issue is a make-or-break point in the internal power battle between Arsenal's manager Bruce Rioch and the vice-chairman David

Dein. Rioch wants Wright to go, say the reports, but Dein wants him to stay. Actually the conflict be-tween Rioch and Dein con-cerns lines of demarcation within the club, Rioch becom-ing increasingly evenerated ing increasingly exasperated at the extent of Dein's attempt to get involved in team af-fairs. The fact that Rioch has still not signed a contract fuels fears among other direc-tors that the manager could

walk out in protest. But a dispute over Wright's future is hardly a part of the row. Wright has made himself such a nuisance at Highbury with his attitude and poor disciplinary record that many of those who run the club cannot wait to see the back of him, despite all his goals.

Rioch is not one of them. Though he has the unervi-able task of breaking up a once fine but now ageing side, he wants to keep Wright, at least for now, Yesterday Rioch said he would recommend that, when the board meet on Thursday, they turn down the transfer request "for the time being". This is because the manager - and perhaps even - would shed few tears if Wright's departure could be husbanded in a way that did not leave the player's adoring fans up in arms.

McMahon sacks Trollope after 37 years' service to Swindon

JOHN TROLLOPE, the former Swindon full-back and manager, who for his loyalty to the club of played more league games for one club than any other which he was first-team manager from 1980-83. player, has been fired as youth team coach after 37 The present manager Steve McMahon said yes years at the County terday: "He has been a marvellous servant but after being here for 15 months Ground

Trollope, who is 52, made 770 appearances for Swinand allowing the dust to don in a 20-year playing career after joining the settle, I feel it is right to make the change. It is an-

But the 32-year-old striker has already made this difficult by his pre-emptive strike in the propaganda war this weekend. For the message he managed to get splattered across the back pages of most Sunday tabloids, for all Arsenal fans to see, was: Wright has been wronged. "There have been times when I feel my efforts have not been appreciated and I have been criticised harshly

clearly pointing his finger at Rioch. The other part of his unhappiness stemmed, he claimed. from not being able to fit into the new playing system introduced by Rioch to bring greater consistency to the side. This has involved playing a lone striker, Hartson, supported by two "shadow strikers" and has proved a success in Wright's absence through suspension. Just to make sure the fans

got the message about whom he thought was to blame for his "unhappiness", Wright added: "I love this club, I love my team-mates and I love the fans." There was no mention of the manager. Cynics addressing Wright's

position might ask: if it is true that Rioch does not appreciate the player's efforts, why did he recently make him captain? And, if Wright has been criticised harshly. most players are at some stage. But they get on with it, especially if they "love" the club. As for fitting into the new system, surely a player as talented as Wright can

adjust. The fact that Wright wants away so vehemently, before the transfer deadline of March 28, suggests there is another motive. Could it be that Chelsea's stated interest in him has not escaped his beady eye, offering, as it does an ageing player one last big pay-day in an exciting team?



Super salesman . . . Don King has engineered a brilliant coup with the hotel staging Saturday's big fight

MGM suffers a King sting

Kevin Mitchell reports from Las Vegas, where only Frank Bruno can prevent Mike Tyson's promoter from hitting the jackpot

ON KING refers to Mike Tyson as "my master", an image which reflects the Jnr contest was sold in Philawillingness of promoter and delphia - comes to the Grand fighter to sustain a working relationship based largely on on Saturday night, when Tyson challenges Frank Bruno for his World Boxing irony. That 10-year relationship Council heavyweight title. Just over six years ago might be severely stretched, however, by new revelations about King's extraordinary business dealings during Tyson's comeback. Far from feeling that he is in control of his own destiny, Tyson may wonder whether he has again handed King the keys to the

Just over six years ago Tyson successfully defended that belt and those of the other two main world govern-ing bodies, by stopping Bruno in five rounds. King and Tyson were flying up until then, but things were not right: Tyson had "broken out" a few times and his con-dition was failing. Tyson surprised a few dition was fading. people when he took up again with King last March, given

The suphoria evaporated completely with Tyson's de-

of the disillusioned child. He is moody, monosyllabic and not terribly happy about co-operating with King. Business experts agree, though, that he has done nothing illegal in the MGM deal. "It's not the norm," Holed up in his fortress-like Jon Schotz, president of a Los mansion on the edge of town,

Angeles investment company "but what with Don King la deciding which of several expensive cars to drive, the dis-advantaged malcontent from the norm?" The norm in this case is that King need not risk a cent of his own money as long as Tyson keeps winning. And as

Brooklyn looks as though he might have had enough of the most powerful man in boxing. King has hardly spoken a word with his "Master" in days. Tyson stood him up at last Wednesday's press con-ference in Los Angeles, when long as his contract does not affect the value of shares owned by other stockholders he is acting within the law. King's rival Bob Arum is he heard that Bruno had con-sidered withdrawing from the impressed. "King is one of the greatest salesmen of our time meeting. (King, glib as ever, posed with a cardboard cutand he showed it this time. It's the worst deal for a casino out of the fighter instead.) On Friday King arrived at the MGM moments after in history." The MGM, the biggest hotel

in the world, has had a Tyson had performed unim-pressively in a public spar-ring exhibition. As Tyson drove off with a posse of friends he gave King the most

chequered year. Having de-clared it was going to domi-nate sport, things crumbled. A multi-million dollar deal with Jorge Luis Gonzales Given his pre-start fitness doubts, Boardman was en-Cuban heavyweight lost to Riddick Bowe.

The Guardian Tuesday March 12 1996

Rugby League

Super Europe safe despite **Murdoch rout**

Paul Fitzpatrick

NLESS an appeal is successful, Super League will not be allowed to start in Australia until 2000. The European Super League, however, will open as planned in Paris on March 29.

These were the main out-comes from the final orders handed down yesterday in Sydney by Justice James Bur-chett in the long-running battle between the Australian Rogby League and Rupert Murdoch's News Corpora-tion, the backers of Super

League. Justice Burchett found in favour of the ARL on 36 out of 37 issues of contention. However, he ruled it would not be a breach of his orders for

News Corporation to proceed with agreements signed with England's Rugby Football League provided that no Aus-tralian Super League players or coaches were involved in that competition.

that competition. The eight Australian clubs who broke away to form Super League have been or-dered to return to the ARL, which hopes a 20-club compe-tition scheduled to begin on March 1 will now start this weekend, or Friday week at the latest. The ARL chief Ken Arthur-

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discussed the matter with us, I am sure we could probably have reached some sort of reasonable agreement.

Cycling

Boardman's test

William Fotheringham in Aubusson

HRIS BOARDMAN de-scribes as "the first test" today's third stage of the Paris-Nice to the village of Chalvignac, high up in the Cantal Hills. The 115 miles of ittle climbs and narrow, winding lanes will give last year's winner Laurent Jalabert his first inkling of who will be

seventh stage win this year, brought a bonus 10sec deduction that sufficed to put him in the white race leader's jer-sey as Sunday's winner Fré-déric Moncassin of France could finish only fifth.

is good news for his team leader Boardman, who would

rural departement of Creuse, with Mario Cipollini of Italy

struggling in his wake. Nelissen's victory, his

Moncassin's relative failure

obliged to defend the race

lead on a daily basis so early

on. "It's all for Chris now," Moncassin said after yester-

day's finish. "He has the best

the ARL. Arthurson said: "There is no recrimination as far as we are concerned. I think when the smoke settles, common sense will prevail." There was relief at RFL headquarters that the European Super League would

"It was the way they we us about it that really got our

backs up. Who are these people? They just came in and tried to take over our game in

such an arrogant manner." Asked if the rebel clubs would be welcomed back by

start as planned. There was also an assurance that the 287 million invested by Murdoch. who reached pensionable age

who reached persionable age yesterday, was secure despite weekend reports that this money would be in jeopardy if Super League in Australia failed to start. Maurice Lindsay, the game's chief executive, said yesterday that "clearly Super League in Australia has had the setback of not being able

the setback of not being able to commence but an appeal is to be heard quickly and we

will be monitoring events. "We will devote our attention to ensuring the European Super League is a success from which international matters will. naturally,

develop." • Gus O'Donnell, the former Wigan, St Helens and Great Britain Under-21 half-back,

has been forced to retire by a kidney disease. A fund has been launched to raise \$8,000 to buy medical equipment for the 25-year-old.

The ARL chief Ken Arthur-son said yesterday there had never been any doubt in his mind that the ARL would win the case. Significantly he also appeared to offer talks with News Corporation. "I have never said that I greatly disagreed with the concept of Super League," he said. "Had they sat down and discussed the matter with us, Saints paid Wigan £80.000 for O'Donnell four years ago but his career declined after he got a mystery illness in February 1994. He had spells with Workington, Keighley and Chorley. A collection will be held during Good Friday's Super League match betwee St Helens and Wigan.

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He was in the team that uring of the club. We wish of the fighter's money before beat Arsenal 8-1 in the 1969 him all the best."

Asprilla asks FA to keep his hearing personal

Martin Thorpe and lan Ross

HE Newcastle United striker Faustino Asprilla has requested a personal hearing before the Football Association to answer charges relating to last month's game against Man-chester City. The hearing will be on a date to be set in April.

Television showed Asprilla elbowing the Manchester City defender Keith Curle. The two also squared up at the end of the game. Curle is due before the FA on Friday week to answer charges that he swore at the referee in City's game against Everton. As with Asprilla, he has asked for a personal hearing to answer the charges arising out of the Newcastle game and will go before the FA at the same time as the Colombian.

Leeds United hope to sign Eintracht Frankfurt's £1 mil-lion-rated Georgian international defender Kachabar Tchadadze before the Coca-Cola Cup final against Aston Villa on Sunday week. The 27-year-old centre-back

is due at Elland Road within the next 48 hours to begin a

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Gudmundsson, valued at £1 million, is set to join Blackburn despite starting only one Halmstad.

day sacked their manager Dave Moore — 16 days after he received the trophy for being January's Third Division manager of the month.

A disastrous run of results in February has seen United plummet to near the bottom of the Third Division Scunth-

orpe's former manager Mick Buxton will take over until the end of the season. Gillingham and Fulham

yesterday escaped with an official warning after an FA inquiry into their fractious Third Division game on No-vember 25. "Fulham and Gil-lingham were severely cen-sured and warned as to their future conduct" coid an FA future conduct." said an FA spokesman. "Each club will have to pay half the costs of the commission." Italy's Serie A players are to go on strike from Sunday.

They claim the authorities are "disregarding their opin-ions" and want the abolition of transfer fees for players out of contract to be implemented short trial period. The Swedish striker Niklas at the end of the season.

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Tokyo the following February Claims about King's highly and the fighter's incarcera unusual arrangement with the MGM will not have tion in an Indiana jail in 1991. helped. Nor does a silent grin Re emerged nearly 12 months ago sounding like a reformed and focused individconstitute the most convinc-ing denial from the promoter. ual. He had read good books and had tried Islam. His reli-He will have impressed upon his meal ticket, how-ever, that losing to Bruno -gion is still a force but, acsomething fight-game figures here are calling "the unthink-able" — would leave the MGM deal in tatters. It would cording to those close to him who share his beliefs, he is finding it increasingly difficult to keep the discipline. "It's hard but I think also be unthinkable for King: to keep control of the heavy-weight division he needs into his rehabilitation Tyson Tyson firmly on his side and

Then, after huge losses on couraged by his form on yesbaccarat and a failed theme park, the MGM cancelled plans to stage a Formula One race last November and a major international athletics meeting last month. The sacking of 1,700 employees and the subcontracting of many hotel services signalled further decline, not to mention the de-parture of three high-ranking

Those chiefs included the men who did the deal with King. There is irony for you.

terday's stage as he attempts to become the first Briton since Tom Simpson in 1967 to chance of winning if he can hang on in the climbs." win the eight-day "Race to the Boardman will not be alone in hoping things go smoothly Sun". He went on the attack with 10 miles to go and, although his move was quickly snuffed out by Jalabert's ONCE team, he then managed on their *buffet campagnard* to hang on to the sprinters in when a blizzard hit the stage the final show of strength. and the riders refused to race.

The Belgian national cham-pion Wilfried Nelissen was a After cancelling the stage the pion Wilfried Nelissen was a organisers promised to return clear winner of the uphill fin- this year. As with Boardman, ish in this little town in the | this is comeback time.

England short of top three

Hockey

Badminton

Sport in brief

England's women, who beat Sweden in a Uber Cup quali-fying encounter in Prague last month, have an encouraging draw for the world team finals in Hong Kong in May, writes Richard Jago. They have avoided Indonesia, the holders, and China, the unof-ficial favourites, and play Hong Kong. Denmark and South Korea.

England's men, also in Hong Kong for the Thomas Cup, face Indonesia, the holders. China, who should challenge for the title, and Sweden.

Cricket

Tennis

Tim Henman from Oxford has Weston-supar-supar-Poole Tn, Wilney Tn v Stillagbourne. N-W COUNTIES LEAQUE: First Ok-teione Burscught v Traitord Glossop NE v Chadderton, Holker Old Boys v Rosson-dale Utd, Kröströve Alt v Danven. HORTHERIN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE. day beat Henrik Holm of Sweden 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 in an ATP event in Copenhagen.

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Pat Rowley

playing for his Barcelona club and Thompson is getting married. The selectors have rested

Graham Dilley, the 36-year-old former England paceman, yesterday resigned from Surrey's coaching staff.

Pools Forecast risen another 15 places to 64th in the world rankings and closed on Britain's top-ranked player Greg Rusedski, down from 42 to 44. Henman yester-

Billiards

Alex Higgins, "completely exhausted", failed to appear for his World Matchplay Champlonship first-round match against John McIntyre in Ballymena vesterday.

Steve Davis had to graft to beat Stephen Lee 5-3 to reach the last 16 of the Thailand Open in Bangkok yesterday. *writes Clive Everton.* Refusing to allow the sluggish pace of the table to affect him, Davis battled for four hours and now meets Ken Doherty, a 5-1 winner over Tony Knowles. the last 16 of the Thailand

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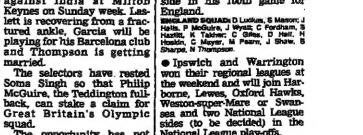
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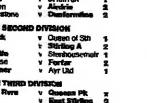
scoring Rob Crutchley or the

The selectors have rested Soma Singh so that Philip McGuire, the Teddington full-back, can stake a claim for Great Britain's Olympic asa and two National League sides (to be decided) in the National League play-offs.





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tory, humbled by Kenya in Pune. They were a bickering, fractious, factioned side in torment, and they were on the brink of returning home in disgrace to face the vilification of the islands for whom success at cricket has a meaning beyond most people's

understanding. But with humiliation sometimes comes catharsis and so yesterday, with the manage-ment team sacked, the cap-tain having tendered his resignation, and grievances aired long into the nights since, they rose to beat South Africa: everyone knew where he stood and they all became brothers, a unit, a team once more.

As Courtney Walsh knocked back Paul Adams's middle stump with the third ball of the final over to complets the game, there were scenes of passion. Stumps were snatched, fives were never higher and the hugs of joy were genuine, mirrored no doubt in the rum shops and bars of the Caribbean that stayed open long into the night to witness just such a moment.

Behind it all, dignified, always believing, was Richie

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Sweeping to victory . . . South Africa's wicketkeeper Palframan can only watch as Lara strikes on his way to a brilliant 111

solation. "Well," grinned Ri-chie Rich, "I can only say tough luck. But it was do or die and someone had to go." Broatone little consolation, die for, counted for nonght in die for, counted for nonght in counted for nonght in die for, counted for nonght in counte Frecious little consolation, he knows, would have come his way if his international career had been ended with the face of one innings of genius from Brian Lara. Lara, a troubled figure himself this past year, finally put it in the background to bat defeat yesterday. The triumph, by 19 runs,

one-handed return catch African order and Walsh pro-vided the coup de grace, then the middle was assounding as

It was Harper's eighth over that pushed the issue beyond Richardson used his spinners — three of them, no less — to doubt as South Africa, never quite up with the rate but

which the Harpoon, one of the great fielders still, snaffled like a plate of chicken, rice

and peas. At 196 for six there was no coming back. For Lara to have been on the losing side would have been a travesty for, after Shiurearing (for a log of Shivnarine Chanderpaul (58) turies in a World Cup. In this

case.

forward at long-off, Harris David Hopps In Madras

was spent long before he struck Warne's final delivery to deep-midwicket and sup-port elsewhere was sadly USTRALIA have rarely been in more urgent need of Mark Waugh's nonchalant lacking for a side that could field a batsman of Patel's talbatting talents than they were in the steamy atmosphere of ent at No. 10. As New Zealand fell away, Bevan's left-arm chinamen did Australia the Chepauk Stadium yester-day, and he did not fail them proud. There is nothing elegant

as he produced a century of considerable grace to quell the doughtiest of New Zea-land challenges. about Harris — in fact, his style is particularly gawky — and the all-rounder grinned This World Cup is becom-

throughout every hauled drive and pull as if he realing the platform for the fulfil-ment of a remarkable talent. ised that he will never experi-ence another day like it. He Waugh has already made 464 runs at an average of 94, the leading aggregate in the tour-nament, his 110 from 112 balls yesterday enabling Australia to reach the semi-finals with six wickets and more than two overs in hand. For a display of raw cour-

age, no one could rival New Zealand's all-rounder Chris Harris, whose own hundred left his face pained with ex-haustion and put Australia on the brink of elimination as they faced an intimidating total of 386 for nine.

Waugh was not remotely fazed. He batted with a cool detachment that contrasted vividly with the exertions of Harris and his captain Lee Germon in the heat of the day. These days, however, for all his sang-froid, Waugh's desire burns more intensely as if he is determined to lay for all time his reputation as an under-achiever.

Waugh's first fifty passed by virtually unnoticed as New Zealand, heartened by excellent new-ball spells by Dion Nash and the off-spinner Dipak Patel, held Australia in check. When Patel returned. Waugh struck him for two ong-on sixes so smooth that the night air barely rustled. By the time he eventually fell, lofting Nash to long-on, his

poise had infiltrated the Australian dressing-room. Steve Waugh and Stuart Law completed the formalities with

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later grazed his arm, pulling off a brilliant stop in the covers and negotiated his spall of slow-medium with the aching feet of a man fated to wade everlastingly through a cabwith his light-grey kit stained dark with sweat, and his thinning hair drenched with mineral water, Harris became increasingly afflicted by cramp in the later stages of his innings. Several times he seemed on the verge of calling for a runner but instead he

battled gamely on, sinking to his knees with exhaustion in the closing overs.

Harris had joined his cap-tain Germon as an expendable batsman promoted maintain the momentum of the innings. At 44 for three in the ninth over, with Fleming encouraged by outswing and McGrath by bounce, New Zealand were in a parlous posi-tion. Another quick wicket

would have forced them to retrench but Harris and Germon were undaunted as they flaved 168 in 27 overs.

Australia, under the cosh. were reduced to an old standby - four overs of abuse-ridden medium-pace by Steve Waugh. 'Junior' Waugh was to make his mark more tranguilly.

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his men superbly. At the awards ceremony afterwards the commentator Bob Willis, who has done all but wear a Protea shirt dur- ing this tournament, gave Hansie Cronje his due — "credit to the competition wonderful effort blah, blah" — before asking Rich- ardson for a few words of con-	fontein in January, from equalling West Indies record of 11 successive limited-overs wins. Like Kasparov beating the chess computer Deep Blue, it was one in the eye for the technological era. South Africa have prepared and planned like no other side. They have bowled bril- liantly, fielded superlatively, batted competently, bonded and were well led. But all this,	On a pitch being used for the third time the South Afri- can spinners Pat Symcox and Adams had spun the ball enough to give their side cause for concern batting last, even if they were unaware that no side had ever success- fully chased such a total in a one-day international in Pakistan.	Thobean twirters, with four for 47, was Roger Harper, his own career resurrected after suffering the yips a few years back. But there were three wickets, too, for the Ice Man, Jimmy Adams — good ones at that: Andrew Hudson for 54, Daryll Cullinan for an adven- turous 69, with three sixes, and the clincher of Cronje	crease, Richardson brought back Harper to complete his spell. Immediately Jonty Rhodes pulled straight to Adams, also at deep midwicket, Brian Mc- Millan, whose earlier bowling had done much to get South Africa back in the game, went back to the actor boll moderned	unfortunate spinner Symrox, who was hit for five match- less boundaries in one over, allowed him width. But by the time the South Africans realised the error of their ways, and adapted ac- cordingly, Lara and Chander- paul had added 138 for the second wicket and South Af- rica were on their way back	lives in making a rapid 24, the first lapse by Nash as he hauled Thomson's off-spin to deep midwicket, the second a simple skier induced by Nash and fumbled by Patel at mid-on. New Zealand also envisaged a score in excess of 300 after	M E Waugh : Parcre b Naab
West indice was by 19 runs.	1983 and also prevented Cronje's side, unbeaten since England managed it in Blogm.	and setting such a pace that not even a middle-order col- lapse, as South Africa fought back handsomely could man	by superb catching in the deep, where not a chance — and there were some trem- blars — were beging	was still a sniff of a chance. Two overs earlier Cronje had hauled Jimmy Adams to dep midwielst and nor mith the	fect start with a blistering stand of 42, he gave an exhila- rating exhibition of offside	of him adding a fourth. New Zealand will rue the fielding lapses which allowed Shane Warns, promoted to	Did not bat: 0 J Nash. Bowlingt Relife! 4-2-38-1; Fleming 5-1-20-1; McGrath 9-3-50-2; M E Waugh 8-0-45-1; Warne 10-0-52-2; Bevan 10-3-52-1; S R Waugh 4-0-25-0.
6-0-22-1 Umpires: K T Francis and S & Randell,	West Indies into their first	94 halls with 15 boundaries	other eight wickets backed	beginning to believe there	and Courtney Browne (36)	mood there is every prospect	200. 202. 202.

Rookie Herron is rock solid

David Davies in Coral Springs

water. "I rushed the shot, I got it fat, it went into the lake," said Herron later and indeed so awful was the shot S a thoroughly sodden that it seemed even a lead as Sunday drew to a dank, but dramatic close, Tim large as his might dissolve in the pert few minutes. Herron demonstrated one last So what did Herron do? He did what he had been doing all week. He hit his third shot time why he had seemed deslined to win the Honda Classic. to 12 feet and holed one of the Herron had arrived at the most vital putts he will ever

Eagle Trace club here in Flor-ida a complete unknown. He have to make for a four. "I was just rolling the pill, the rock, whatever you want to left clutching a cheque for \$234,000 (£151,000) having got call it, just awesome this week," was the 26-year-old round one of the US Tour's tougher tracks in a 17-under-par 271. To achieve that he Minnesotan's explanation. Pressed, he could only add: "As I was walking round that had used only 107 putts in the lake I just had this feeling four rounds, none of them more important than the one that I was going to make the at the penultimate hole.

First game April 14th

putt." Indeed, so often had he holed putts just when he needed to that most people at Herron had putted beautifully all week but, as a rookie in only his seventh US Tour Eagle Trace probably felt he was going to hole it too, and so he became a winner in a event, he was understandably "a little anxious" on the 17th tee, even with a five-stroke field containing Greg Norlead. The hole is only 171 man, Nick Price, Payne Stew-yards but between tee and art and Nick Faldo. That, he

green there is nothing but allowed was awesome.

London Monarchs V Scottish Claymores

It was a word he used a lot in the immediate aftermath of his win to describe a victory that could bardly have been less expected. Herron, a Walker Cup player in 1993, has spent the intervening time touring the world trying to find tournaments. He has found himself competing in

Canada, Australia and on the Nike tour, the subsidiary tour in America. Now he finds himself in the field for the Masters. Had he ever played Augusta? "Hell no," he said. "I'm from Minnesota. We're not even play-ing golf in April I just usually ait and watch it on TV." have come second. In recent years Lyle has tried all manner of things to

Had he an explanation for had he an explanation for his win? "Everyone kept tell-ing me I had this unbeliev-able talent," said Herron on Sunday, "but, if I had, why wasn't I shooting good golf scores? I got a little frus-trated." That, it seems, is code. or energy and a large putting, including his present method of left hand below code for angry and a large part of his win was because at last he contained his temper

- not forgetting 107 putts.

Not that such a low number guarantees victory. Nick Faldo, who by playing the last 54 holes in 12 under par equalled the best efforts of anyone else in the field, also had 107 putts, which helped to lift him to joint ninth, earning him \$35,100. He finished one shot better

than Sandy Lyle who, in the locker room afterwards, could talk of nothing but his putting. It was little wonder for he had nine more than either Herron or Faldo and, had he putted at their level, would

find a more consistent way of right and also the long putter. But he has ruled out a trip to Dave Peltz, the putting guru to whom Bernhard Langer repaired two weeks ago in search of salvation. "Til find search of salvation. In this something," said Lyle, who is prepared to work as hard as ship, but that appears unlikely.

Athletics ************************ Kipketer must run for Kenya

WILSON KIPKETER, the 800 metres world champion, must compete **Vic Batchelder** for his native Kenya and not for Denmark, his URHAM WASPS may be forced to quit the-Crowtree Leisure Cendopted country, at the Atlanta Olympics, the African country insisted yesterday. Kipketer wants to run for tre in Sunderland at the end of the season in the wake of the brawl on Saturday which has brought swift condemna-Denmark, for whom he won gold medal at the world tion from the local authority. championships last year, even though he is not a Danish citizen. But Charles Mukora, chairman of Ke-The fighting resulted in the game against Humberside Hawks being abandoned after 58 seconds when police arrived, the second time in three months they had been nya's Olympic Committee, said Kipketer cannot do so called to the venue following a violent incident. because the International Olympic Committee Char-

ter requires Olympic com-Bryn Sidaway, the leader of petitors to be citizens of the Sunderland City Council, said: "I'm just pleased the ice hockey team does not carry countries they represent. Kipketer will not meet the name of Sunderland, We do not want our city associthe seven-year residency requirement to become a Danish citizen until next ated with that kind of behavyear. The IOC believes he lour. I know it's a very hard could qualify for Atlanta if physical sport but this is just disgraceful bad behaviour the Danish parliament

Recool Hudweiser

Hall's Newcastle Sporting | tingham have been put on Club, had "already been stand-by.

warned about their conduct Saturday's brawl occurred during the warm-up and Humberside's Bruce Bell was at Crowtree", a reference to the earlier incident. taken to hospital having sus-Irene Lucas, the council's general manager of direct sertained a broken nose and lost some teeth. The Durham playvices, said yesterday that a

Council may ban Wasps

meeting would take place this week with the Wasps management but that "talk of ers Ross Lambert and Jon Weaver were later arrested. In the incident three months ago, in a match against Sheffield Steelers, banning the Wasps from the centre is premature". Newcastle Sporting Club said it was unable to com-Lambert was the injured party. Nicky Chinn is due to appear in court later this month facing a charge of wounding with intent to ment because of the police investigation but, if the Wasps have to leave Sunderland, they could be without a home

cause grievous bodily harm. Wasps fared better on Sun as Šir John's planning application for an 8,000-seat indoor day when five players, includarena adjacent to St James ing Lambert, shared the goals Park was rejected by Newcasin a 6-2 win at Cardiff. tle City Council. Meanwhile the British Ice

Sheffield Steelers' hopes of adding the British Champion-Hockey Association has orship to the league title and dered the match, a British Benson and Hedges Cup Championship play-off, to be received a jolt when they lost replayed tomorrow night. 5-2 at Basingstoke on Satur-

and it's unacceptable." Sidaway said the Wasps, who are part of Sir John However, the Sunderland rink may not be available, so to beat Fife 11-0 in Kirkcaldy the following evening.



In this sport, it's the humans who are treated with cruelty. Venue: White Hart Lane, Tottenham . Home games: April 14, May 6. May 19, May 27, June 16 . Courtesy shuttle bus with return service from Seven Sisters tube • Pre-game Power Party at 12:00pm • Kick-off at 3:00pm • Half-price admission for children 12 and under • Season tickets: 5 for the price of 4.

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Wild game, but then the English have always been partial to blood sports. 16

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Very British, FRENCHMAN'S STRIKE SEES UNITED HOME AND DRY IN THE OLD TRAFFORD RAIN

FA Cup, sixth round: Manchester United 2, Southampton 0

Cantona scuppers Saints

Cynthia Bateman

HUMDINGER of a cup tie, in which Manchester United by no means had everything their own way, was settled by the simplest of goals as Eric Canshiplest of goals as the construction rotat tapped in a cross from Ryan Giggs at the start of the second half. Sharpe's last-minute goal added insult to injury

United, in front of a 45,446 crowd, became the first side to book a semi-final spot and will meet either Wimbledon or Chelsea at Villa Park. An absorbing game saw South-ampton hold out against a rampant United and then have a 'goal' by Nell Shipper-ley disallowed in controver-sial circumstances just before the interval. Old Trafford was not exact-

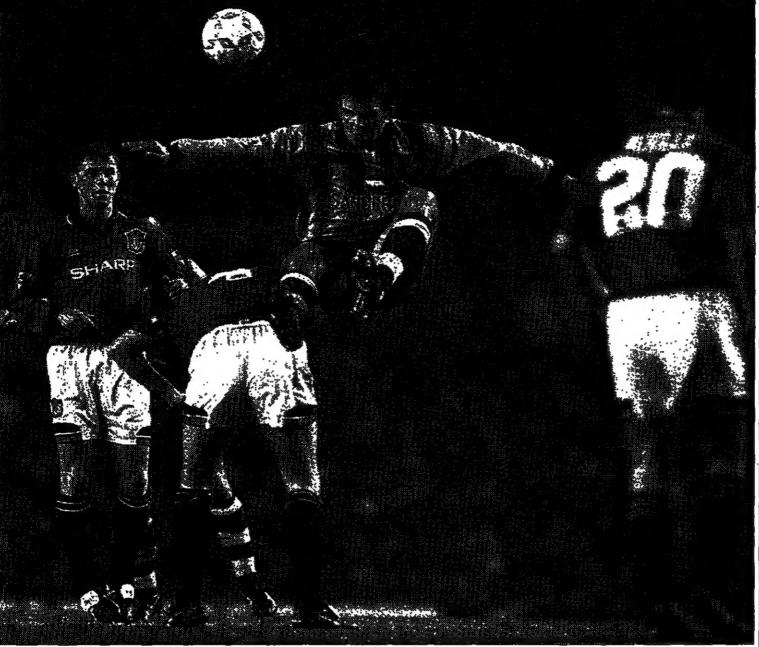
ly packed to the rafters, with one tier of the new North Stand still empty, but it still provided a terrific theatre for a match of this importance.

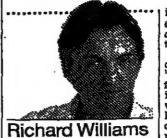
The only other gaps in the packed ranks were at the Southampton end. They had returned 4,000 of their tickets unsold, an indication that the Saints' supporters were travelling more in hope that realism as the rank outsiders to win the Cup met the firm favourites.

The trouble with playing underdogs, though, as United soon found out, is that since nothing better is expected of them, they enjoying snapping at the heels and biting a few legs.

Southampton, the last side to win here in a quarter-final, and then on penalties in a fourth-round replay four years ago, began with tremendous spirit, momentarily for-getting that the idea was to keep things tight at the back. The result was a series of wift, inclaive moves from United that simply cut through the Southampton ranks and gave Beasant an early work-out.

United's winged





the bravery

of Brundle

WAS halfway through a lollipop, one of those choco-late and ice-cream jobs, when Martin Brundle had his accident on Sunday. There was a kind of collective gasp and then a groan in the Melbourne press room as we watched his car flying along the track, upside down at zero feet, before it started tumbling into a series of cartwheels, destroying itself in a cloud of dust and wreckage.

One does not know what to do at such moments. There is no etiquette. Do you turn away or carry on watching? Finishing the lollipop did not seem quite apropos. I do not believe anyone goes

to a motor race in the hope of seeing an accident. But the spectacular ones do stick in the memory, especially when they involve a phenomenal es-cape. One recalls Andrea de Cesaris rolling his Ligier countless times over the grass in Austria in 1985. Mauricio Gugelmin flying his March above the pack at Le Castellet in 1990 and Christian Fittipal-di's Minardi almost looping the loop at Monza three years

ago. But in its sudden awfulness Brundle's accident reminded me of that Sunday afternoon six years ago when Gerhard Berger's red Ferrari disappeared in a sudden efflores-cence of bright yellow flame at Imola's benighted Tamburello curve, the spot where Ayrton Senna was to lose his life.

As Berger's car smashed into the wall and caught fire millions were watching the elecast. I remember hitting

ished chatter as the TV cameras refocused on the gold Jor-"It just kept rolling over and over," Brundle said later, "and when it stopped I could feel fluid coming out. I thought it was petrol but it wasn't, it was coming out of my drinks mess of that. Half a million just history'.'

Brundle's subsequent sprint up and down the pit lane, wearing thick flameproof overalls in 85-degree heat, will become a minor motor-racing legend. a perfect what-happened-next moment for A Question of Sport. He was in search of Prof Syd Watkins, the veteran Formula

"Two doctors saw me in the pits and said I was fine but they wouldn't let me race until I'd seen Prof Watkins and got his permission." Brundle explained. "Nobody 'seemed to be able to tell me where he was. If I'd waited for somebody else to find him. I'd have missed the restart. So I had to go and find him myself." Watkins put his arm around Brundle's shoulders and lis-tened to his plea. And when Brundle explained. "Nobody

tened to his plea. And, when he cleared him to jump into his spare car and join in the restarted race, there was a mo-ment of pure elation that went to the centre of the human spirit.

achieved the sort of matter-of-factness that we admire in our British heroes. "If I'd lost consciousness during the accident." he said, 'I wouldn't have got back in. But Syd's known me for a dozen years and, when he saw me sprinting 500 metres towards him, he guessed that I was all right.

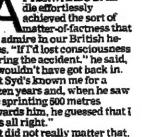
It did not really matter that, for Brundle, the restarted race lasted only a few more cor-ners. "I caught the pack but

dan, torn in two just behind bottle. I was fine. When I got out I thought "That's made a dollars' worth, or whatever.

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One medical chief.

FTERWARDS Brun-dle effortlessly



showed why they were beaten at Old Trafford at home only once in the last 31 games and on a roll of nine matches unbeaten. Much of that is due to Alex Ferguson being able to play an unchanged side, and again only Pallister, who has a persistent back problem, was missing. Gary Neville partnered Bruce in central defence, with his brother Phil, growing in stature with each game, at left-back.

Within minutes. United had

Up and over . . . the Southampton striker Neil Shipperley, later to have a 'goal' ruled out, leaps to get the better of Steve Bruce rattled Southampton. Giggs's | few minutes later but could put no power on the shot and then blocked a volley from Butt. All this before a quarter of an hour had passed. Next Sharpe had a beader saved at chance for Keane, saw Monkou, who was magnificent in Southampton's defence, clear off the line before Butt played Cantona through. He beat the the foot of the post, and Cole felt hard done by not to get a penalty when Hall appeared advancing Beasant but failed to chase as the ball bounced over the goalkeeper, and the scampering Monkou cleared off the line.

Cole had another chance

to wrestle him to the ground as he went for goal. goal but the referee saw a foul as Shipperley went up for the hall with Sharpe and disal-But Southampton survived and began to gain ground. A free-kick from 30 yards looked tailor made for Le Tissier, but lowed the effort. he was unable to produce the

Southampton continued to make the running at the start of the second half when Walmagic and Cantons headed clear for a corner.

Charlton had a superb shot | ters escaped down the left and | ters whose effort Schmeichel tipped away as Phil Neville lay injured in the penalty area just before half-time and crossed for Le Tissier, whose header went wide. But within five minutes of the restart. United were Schmeichel was booked for giving the referee a mouthful. ahead. Cole's through ball

But two minutes before the interval, Dodds supplied a found Giggs, whose square pass across the face of goal cross from the right for Shipby-passed Beasant and found perley to head past Schmei-chel. It looked a legitimate Cantons unmarked at the far post and able to simply tap dance United into the lead. Southampton pressed

Manabaster United: Schmeichel; Irein, Bruce, G Neville, P Neville, Kaane, Butt Sharpe, Cantona. Giggs, Cola. Southampton: Bensant; Dodd, Hall Monkov. Chartion, Le Tissier, Magihon United into their own area as they threw caution to the winds. An equaliser almost came just before the hour from Le Tissier's pass to Wal-

the "off" button on the 2spper. MICHAEL STEELE He had to be dying in there and I did not want to watch it. Two or three minutes later, just saved with his feet. The goalkeeper did the same again when Oakley prompted by who knows what urges, I switched back on to liscover that the fire had been fired a powerful low drive from a Le Tissier corner. But put out within seconds and

keeper never filnched.

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that Berger was suffering not when United broke only Bea-sant stood in Cole's way after much more than a pair of badly scorched hands. he accepted the baton from Giggs who had run half the length of the field. The goal-Last Sunday the lollipop was still in my hand when,

through the settling dust, the helmeted figure of Brundle could be seen, held upright by a couple of officials but never-theless clearly still in second ss clearly still in posses aion of two arms and two legs. The cheer in the press room was succeeded by an aston-

my brakes were cold from starting from the pits. They used to be up to about 600 centigrade before they'll work properly. But, when I came up behind [Pedro] Diniz and he braked early, I didn't have that luxury.

This time the accident was more banal in scale and much ess expensive but Martin Brundle had already done his job for the day. He had reminded those of us eating lollipops in the press room or drinking champagne in the corporate hospitality boxes of the courage every racing driver possesses, and of why driver possesses, and we were there at all.

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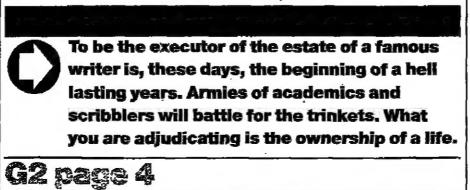
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South Africa by 19 runs in Karachi yesterday. The result represented a remarkable comeback for a team who had been written team who had been written off and pilloried 12 days previously when they had been humilisted by Kenya. Brian Lara also put his personal troubles behind him by striking a magnifi-cent 111 off 94 balls. Only last week he had been forced to apologise for "anti-South Africa" com-ments — remarks which Lara said were taken out of context. "It was a nightmare against Kenya," said Richie Richardson. "But we have come out of the almost bot-

tomless pit and bounced back. People at home are

very hungry for success | Lara ... back to his best



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set up classic semi-final cricket even if West Indies

Lara and Waugh hundreds

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team simply set their sights a little higher and reached their target with six wick-ets and 13 deliveries to spare. Mark Waugh scored 110 - his third century in four World Cup matches while his twin brother Steve hit an unbeaten 59. With Sri Lanks and India

a clean sweep against the four from Group B.

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yesterday it looked as if it might be New Zealand. In Madras the Kiwis posted a daunting 286 for nine — their highest ever one-day total against Aus-tralia — but Mark Taylor's

meeting in tomorrow's first semi-final in Calcutta, It means the four qualifiers from Group A bave enjoyed

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